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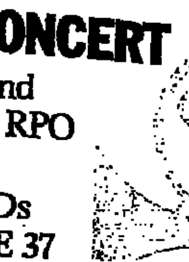

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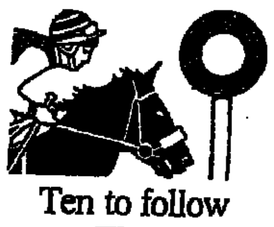

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Rates down again in mortgage war

By Anne Ashworth and Sara McConnell

THE mortgage war raging among banks and building societies intensified yesterday when the Nationwide cut its variable rate for a million borrowers by a quarter of a point to 6.74 per cent.

The new rate, a belated response to last month's base rate cut, is the lowest to be declared by a major lender and is half a point below most of its rivals. Interest paid to savers will also be cut.

The Nationwide last cut its mortgage rate by just under half a point in February as part of a £200 million scheme to demonstrate to customers the benefits of remaining with an old-fashioned building society at a time when rivals are offering handouts as they convert into banks. The latest change, which takes effect on May 1, takes rates to their lowest level since January 1965.

A Nationwide customer with a £50,000 repayment mortgage will now pay £326.03 a month, £14.44 less than at the Halifax. In March 1990, when rates hit a peak of 15.4 per cent, such a borrower would have paid £603.

None of the other big names in the industry responded to the move, having reduced their rates when the base rate fell last month, and some wondered privately how long the Nationwide could sustain such discounting. But the Yorkshire Building Society, the tenth in the league, swiftly cut the rate for its 150,000 borrowers to 6.74 per cent.

A Halifax spokeswoman said: "We keep our rates under review, but we are not intending to take any action as a result of the Nationwide's move." She also pointed out that Halifax borrowers could take advantage of a two-year discounted deal at 3.89 per cent.

The Nationwide decision will slightly affect the rate at the Cheltenham & Gloucester, which has pledged to set its rate at a quarter of a point below the average of the five major lenders. The C&G's current variable rate is 6.95 per cent.

Though disparate in size, both the Nationwide and the Yorkshire are keen to illustrate their commitment to their traditional mutual status where the society is owned by its savers and borrowers, despite the fevered takeover and conversion speculation prevailing among other building societies. Both have launched special reward schemes for their members in an attempt to match the windfalls on offer from societies that are becoming banks.

When the Nationwide announced its last mortgage rate cut in February, it said that it would be narrowing its margins to return £200 million of its profits to customers in the shape of more competitive rates for both savers and borrowers. Yesterday Brian Davis, the chief executive said that the latest move proved "you are really better off with a building society".

There is some evidence that lower interest rates are attracting people back to the housing market. Nearly a third of estate agents saw prices rise in their areas last month, according to the National Association of Estate Agents — the first time that such a high proportion of agents have seen signs of a price increase since 1989.

The association's findings will fuel the optimism sparked last week by the Halifax Building Society, which announced that prices had risen for eight consecutive months.

Some first-time buyers, who cannot remember interest rates as high as 15 per cent, are, however, unmoved by the fact that rates are at a 30-year low. They may be more swayed by the fact that houses are far more affordable than they were for their parents in the Sixties.

Today's buyers have to pay £50,930 for the average house — just over two-and-a-half times the average income of £19,700, while in each of the previous three decades, people had to pay more than three times their annual salary for their home. In 1965, the average house price was £3,418 and the average income £1,147; in 1975 the figures were £11,288 and £3,558, and in 1985, the average house cost £35,436 against an income of £10,555.

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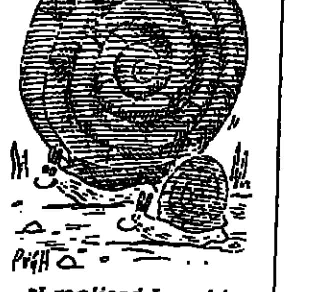


"I realised I could afford it so I thought, why not?"

US helicopters ready to mount Liberian rescue

By Michael Binyon and Leyla Linton

UNITED STATES helicopters were last night poised to begin rescuing hundreds of Britons and Americans who had sought refuge in the US Embassy while intense fighting continued to rage in Monrovia, the Liberian capital.

A State Department official said in Washington that the helicopters that arrived in Monrovia from Sierra Leone "will not go back empty".

The White House said that President Clinton remained concerned. Earlier, William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said troops were standing by and the US was preparing to handle a "sizeable evacuation". A military team in Monrovia was assessing the situation.

Some 30 Britons out of 56 registered with the British Embassy were sheltering in the American Embassy, with more than 200 of the 450 Americans in Liberia. Some 20,000 people are also camped with bundles of belongings and cooking pots under trees near the embassy annexe.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was co-ordinating evacuation plans with the Americans, who promised to take out all Britons who wanted to leave. Some aid workers outside the capital are likely to stay as they are not in immediate danger. Richard Burge, an aid programme co-ordinator, said it had been relatively quiet overnight, but armed youths were roaming the street and there had been some looting.

"Everybody is very tired," he said. "There is a very tense atmosphere but we are all coping and sitting here, keeping our heads down."

Seven staff for Save the Children have been sheltering from the fighting in a safe apartment block in Mamba Point since Friday. They had been bringing healthcare and food to the front lines in the interior but the fighting had gradually forced them to suspend their operations during the past two weeks.

The United Nations has already begun to fly out some of its staff, with an official describing the situation as "utter chaos". He said there were a lot of bodies lying around, while people were going in and out of the city searching for relatives. UN offices had been looted. Andrew Dunham, a Briton evacuated to Sierra Leone by helicopter from the UN compound on Monday, said the airport was severely damaged and rocket fire had hit a local hotel.

Fighting appeared to subside slightly yesterday after four days of clashes that have left scores dead. Fighting and looting began on Saturday after the ruling Council of State sacked Roosevelt Johnson as Minister of Rural Development and ordered his arrest for murder in a clash with the militia.

Dozens of Lebanese hostages were still being held as fighters loyal to Mr Johnson sought refuge in the former army barracks. About 40 Lebanese, mostly women and children, were seized, together with about 20 Nigerians from Ecomog, the West African peace-keeping force, and several hundred Liberians. Three Lebanese have been freed.

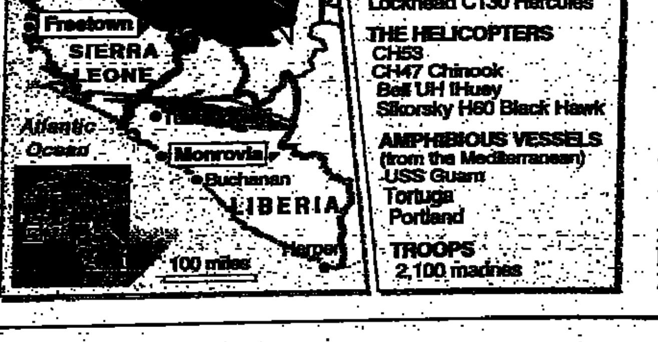
Kallu Kalumiya, of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which is sheltering about 150 people in its compound, said the fighting had continued unabated during the day, although there were periods of relative quiet. "We can hear gunshots, and see plumes of smoke from parts of the city. Many buildings have burnt down."

Dr Kalumiya said of the refugees from the fighting: "You see fear on the faces of many of them. Like frightened dogs really. But they hope for the best. This is a desperate situation. We are hoping that Ecomog can still deploy and recapture its credibility."

He added: "We are running short on food and water because it is unsafe for us to access the warehouses in other areas of the city. We have enough for two more days. At least we have shelter."

Thomas Grant, a British businessman, said he was lucky to find shelter in the American compound. Many other foreigners had been trapped outside by the fighting. "There are shootings and killings going on all over."

The fighting is the latest flare-up in a civil war that has lasted six years and killed 150,000 people.



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Pauline Robinson who administered vital first aid on a flight from Kuala Lumpur

Nurse wins mid-air battle to save sick tennis player

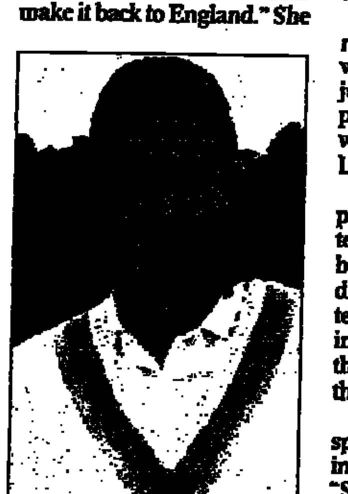
By Lin Jenkins

A BRITISH nurse battled for two hours aboard a Jumbo jet to save the life of a leading tennis player who had collapsed with a suspected brain infection.

As Lucy Needham, 22, writhed with convulsions Pauline Robinson, who had responded to a call for help from the crew, administered first aid and covered her head in a cushion cover filled with ice from the drinks trolley. Mrs Robinson said she thought her patient was going to die and the captain diverted the aircraft to India.

Miss Needham, who was returning home after playing in two tournaments in Java, fell ill about an hour into the 13 hour flight to Heathrow from Kuala Lumpur. "She was having seizures. Her face was distorted, her hands were like claws and her legs were cycling. She had a high temperature and had no muscle tone in her right arm or leg," said Mrs Robinson, 48, from her home in Ravensthorpe, Northamptonshire.

"I have seen people like that before and knew it was something cerebral. I thought she had meningitis or encephalitis. I thought she was going to die and told the stewardesses I did not think she would make it back to England." She wrapped Miss Needham in four airline blankets and held her head in the ice-filled cushion for two hours while the British Airways jumbo jet jettisoned more than 300 tonnes of fuel over the sea in order to land at Madras airport.



Needham: collapsed with suspected brain infection

Miss Needham, who is ranked 30 among British women players, was a top junior competitor but opted to put her tennis career on hold while studying for a degree at Loughborough University.

Doctors at the Apollo Hospital, Madras, carried out tests including a brain scan but have been unable to diagnose her condition. Yesterday she was said to be improving and doctors said that her illness was not life threatening.

John Hobbs, her stepfather, spoke to her on the telephone in her hospital bed yesterday. "She was still very groggy so it is hard to work out what happened. But it appears she probably had some virus and had a violent reaction to it."

War veterans claim pensions at the double

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

SECOND World War veterans who "bit the bullet" and accepted wartime sufferings rather than ask for a pension after demobilisation are coming forward in their thousands to claim their rights.

Most are in their 70s and 80s but one 90-year-old from the First World War, who served as an infantryman at the Somme and had always complained of deafness, was among the most recent to be granted a war pension.

The surge in claimants comes after a campaign by the Royal British Legion and other welfare organisations.

The latest Department of Social Security figures show that in 1995-96 an estimated 331,000 veterans or their widows will be getting pensions worth an estimated £1,247 million. Yet between 1967 and 1987, only 76,000 veterans were awarded pensions or lump sum gratuities. Since 1987, a further 297,700 awards have been made.

One difficulty has been to prove disabilities were caused by war service and were not part of growing old. The deafened 90-year-old ex-infantryman, who has now died, was also gassed in the First World War. "But he never associated his disabilities with his war service," Tom House, head of pensions at the Royal British Legion, said yesterday. Had he claimed in 1919, he would have been paid the equivalent of more than £320,000 in pension over 77 years at today's rates.

He added: "These men didn't claim because they were the type who bit the bullet and accepted their problems. They had seen comrades with legs blown off and didn't feel it was right to claim for their more minor sufferings."

Veterans suffering up to 19 per cent disability receive a lump sum, ranging from more than £1,500 to about £6,000. But they get a pension only if they can prove their condition has deteriorated.

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Broken leg footballer faces year of injury

DAVID BUSST, the Coventry City defender who broke his leg in the second minute of the Carling Premiership game against Manchester United at the weekend, will face at least a year out of the game.

He underwent an operation last night at Hope Hospital, Salford, and faces more surgery tomorrow on the horrific injury that halted the match for nine minutes. He was said to be "comfortable".

Raymond Ross, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, said: "I would say it will take a minimum of three months for the fracture to heal and it could be six." Busst will stay in Hope Hospital, where a nail will be inserted in the bone early next week.

Mr Ross added: "He will go back to theatre tomorrow for further inspection. Although it is a serious injury, I am optimistic the fracture will heal spontaneously."

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Core states seek new mechanism

Tory MPs press Clarke to resist 'son of ERM'

By Philip Webster, political editor

KENNETH CLARKE was urged by Conservative MPs yesterday to stand firm against demands from Germany, France and Brussels for Britain to take part in a new exchange-rate mechanism.

The Chancellor is expected to please the Euro-sceptics by fighting pressure from other European Union finance ministers on Friday for a "son of ERM" to accommodate countries that do not go into the single currency planned to start in 1999.

The core single currency countries are pushing for an arrangement under which those outside the currency are subject to exchange-rate limits so that they cannot competitively devalue their money against the new euro.

There are even suggestions that refusal to enter a new ERM framework could result in trade and other sanctions being imposed on Britain.

Senior ministers and MPs rejected the idea as reflecting the "paranoia" of some in Europe about Britain's intentions. But Treasury sources emphasised Mr Clarke's determination to fight a new ERM when it is discussed at the meeting in Verona on Friday. In a letter to the Italian Finance Minister, the Chancellor says that an old-style mechanism would create rigid exchange-rate links between those inside and outside a single currency. "Experience has shown that such systems cannot cope with times of major market stress and turbulence. The run-up to European monetary union and immediately afterwards could be such a time.

"For our part we see no case for a new ERM which would be almost bound to fail if it tried to encompass economies which were by definition noncovergent as defined by the treaty."

He says, however, that there will be a need for "alternative measures" to restrict the stresses and strains. Mr Clarke is understood to believe that other EU countries should adopt the Government's practice of setting inflation targets as a means of achieving stability.

David Howell, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, accused the Franco-German alliance of being "obsessed" with the idea that Britain would indulge in competitive devaluation. "It's imaginary paranoia. We did not deliberately leave the ERM. We were pushed out because our rate was too high. We would not deliberately devalue. We don't believe in it. We are not going to commit this sin which they are trying to punish us for."

He said the Europeans could not force Britain to join the new ERM as there was no obligation in any of the treaties. "The Chancellor should stick to his guns. We will pursue policies which support our interest and don't deliberately want to harm other countries who want to try to form an inner core," he said.

A leading sceptic, Nicholas Budgen, said that the Tory party would erupt if there was an attempt to rejoin the ERM. "Mr Clarke should just politely say no."

European finance ministers are to discuss how to link the proposed single currency with the currencies of European member states that do not join. France and Germany fear a series of competitive devaluations by countries who remain outside the single currency, which would make their exports cheaper and undermine the system. Britain retains the right to opt out of the single currency and the Government has said it will make a decision nearer the time and when the economic circumstances are clearer. Labour has said it would join the single currency only if there was convergence of the European economies over jobs on top of the Maastricht treaty criteria.

Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, played down suggestions of a new rift between Britain and other members. "Britain has a common interest with her partners in the system not being de-stabilised, because if it were that would harm Britain as much as it would anybody else," he said.

David Howell, right, said EU states were obsessed, but Sir Leon Brittan denied suggestions of a rift

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IAN JOLLY

Patrick Dalzel-Job with a portrait of his wife, and, below, in wartime uniform

Tribute to a war hero as brave as James Bond

By Adrian Lee

A FORMER naval officer who disobeyed orders to save the lives of 4,500 civilians in wartime Norway, and who is said to be the inspiration for James Bond, will be honoured tonight.

Sub Lieutenant Patrick Dalzel-Job risked a court martial when he commandeered a fleet of fishing boats to evacuate an entire village shortly before it was destroyed in a bombing raid by the Germans. The action of the young officer was recognised by the Norwegians but widely ignored in Britain because of his disobedience.

Over three days and two nights, at the end of May 1940, every man, woman and child in the coastal village of Narvik was taken to safety on 100 boats. The village was virtually empty when waves of German bombers arrived the next day and razed the wooden houses to the ground in a reprisal attack. There were just four casualties.

Mr Dalzel-Job is now an 82-year-old widower who lives in Wester Ross, Highland. At the time he was 27 and knew the northern Norwegian coastline from his days, before the war, when he crewed a schooner, among the fjords.

Following the rescue operation he served with the author Ian Fleming in his undercover advance assault commando unit in occupied France and Germany. When Fleming published his Bond novels, former colleagues of Dalzel-Job immediately saw him as the model for the secret agent.

Mr Dalzel-Job, who married one of the Norvik survivors, was awarded one of Norway's highest honours, the Knights Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olav (first class), by the late King Haakon VII. He believes his defiance cost him a sea-going command with the Royal Navy. Allied Command had forbidden him from using civilian craft to evacuate the village and only the intervention of the King helped the young officer escape a court martial. Speaking yesterday, Mr Dalzel-Job said: "I think I succeeded because I had the trust of the skippers and because the movements were made to look like fishing trips. I discussed the plan with the mayor and we agreed that the civilians should be got out quickly because we knew that a German raid would come sooner rather than later — and that is exactly what happened. My commanders did not think the Germans were coming and I got the order that I was not, repeat not, to utilise civilian craft. I was threatened with court martial but the Norwegian King wrote a very complimentary letter to my superiors — I think it embarrassed them."

Tonight he will be joined by survivors of the evacuation on the BBC's *Hearts of Gold* programme, when his exploits will be recalled with the use of previously unseen archive footage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Murder police seek anonymous caller

A man has telephoned police anonymously with information that could identify the killer of Janet Brown, who was handcuffed and battered to death at her Buckinghamshire farmhouse a year ago today.

Detectives yesterday appealed for the caller to make contact again. They have never established a motive for the murder of the 51-year-old medical researcher, who was alone in her home in the village of Radnage, when her killer broke in through a window. Detective Superintendent Mike Short said that a man had twice rung police in February. "We are keen to hear from the caller again as soon as possible and he can contact us in the strictest confidence. I don't believe this is a hoax and I don't believe it is the killer himself."

At the time of the murder, Mrs Brown's husband, Grahaem, a research scientist, was working in Switzerland, where he still lives. Their elder daughter and son, Zara and Benedict, were away at university, while their 17-year-old daughter Roxanne was staying with friends.

Dunblane date agreed

The judicial inquiry into the massacre at Dunblane Primary School last month, in which 16 children and their class teacher were shot dead, will take place in Stirling, five miles from the school, the Scottish Office announced. Lord Cullen, 60, a senior Scottish judge who carried out the investigation into the Piper Alpha disaster, will head the inquiry. The preliminary hearings will begin on May 1. Witnesses at the inquiry will be called to give evidence under oath.

Drugs on earl's farm

A farm manager on Earl Waldegrave's estate at Chewton Mendip, Somerset, grew £75,000 worth of the strongest cannabis ever seized by police, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday. John Lucksted cultivated 1,000 plants on land belonging to the earl, older brother of William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary. Mr Lucksted denies possession with intent to supply others but admits growing the plants for his own use, and five other charges. The trial continues.

Walsall Left fields four

Left-wing Labour rebels in Walsall, West Midlands, are fielding four candidates in next month's local elections, defying attempts by the party nationally to end the embarrassing civil war inside the local group. The decision by four wards who support the rebels to put up candidates threatens to split the Labour vote and could even open the way for the Conservatives to become the largest united party on the council.

Partner quit BBC deal

The Saudi-owned partner in the BBC Arabic Television channel said yesterday that it "unilaterally terminated" its contract because of the *Panorama* programme about Saudi Arabia broadcast last week. Orbit Communications said the programme was a "sneering and racist attack on Islamic law and culture". Orbit, which transmitted BBC Arabic Television to the Middle East, is owned by a group chaired by Prince Khalid bin Abdullah al-Saud, a cousin of King Fahd.

Twins' murders linked

Police are treating as a double murder the deaths of identical twins found within days of each other in the Regent's Canal in Islington, north London. Medical tests carried out yesterday confirmed that Christopher Langford, 38, drowned after being beaten up. Police sources said that the killings were being linked because the head injuries matched those which killed his brother Anthony. They are believed to have died at the same time.

Invention eats oil spills

A foam that can greatly improve the cleaning of coastlines after an oil tanker spill has been developed by a team at the University of York. It contains millions of oil-eating bacteria and nutrients, allowing the bugs to flourish. The foam, which is easy to ship to a disaster site, also dramatically increases the surface area of oil that comes under bacterial attack. The foam was tested during the recent *Sea Empress* disaster off Milford Haven.

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Labour offers plan to defuse Ulster marches

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Watt

AN INDEPENDENT commission to advise the police on whether sensitive marches should be rerouted or banned is being proposed by the Labour leadership as a way of defusing tensions in Northern Ireland as the marching season gets under way.

A committee of experts who would consult community groups, the churches, marching organisations and the police is seen as a means of preventing the Royal Ulster Constabulary from being dragged into political controversy. The idea was put forward yesterday after a night of bloody clashes between police and loyalist demonstrators sparked fears of an escalation of violence which could threaten the peace process.

Ronnie Flanagan, the Deputy Chief Constable of the RUC, called on nationalists and unionists to compromise to avoid a repetition of the disturbances in Belfast. As seven men appeared in court charged in connection with the riot, Mr Flanagan appealed for common sense from the organisers of loyalist parades and from nationalists threatening counter demonstrations.

He said: "When people organise processions and protests, although they are not themselves responsible for the disorder, they have to realise the possible outcome of their action."

Labour's proposed committee would report to the RUC, which would have the final say. The party believes its verdicts would have wider public support if they were shown to have been taken after consulting wider interests.

Only the Northern Ireland Secretary can ban marches, but he or she would do so after listening to police advice. Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said last night that the problem of parades was a "microcosm of the problems of Northern Ireland".

She said: "A small independent body of advisers would give the RUC's decisions a strong moral authority and could help to ease a difficult position."

Mr Flanagan said that disputes during the marching season could not be resolved by the police alone and were a problem for society to tackle.

The violence broke out on the Ormeau Road, south Belfast, where police had banned a parade by the Apprentice Boys. Most of the 3000 parades during the marching season, which lasts until the end of August, will pass off peacefully. However, police will be working hard over the coming weeks to avoid violence at other flashpoints.

David Ervine, leader of the Progressive Union Party, the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, said yesterday that the riot on Monday was "a spark" which could plunge Northern Ireland back into another 25 years of terrorism.

Martyn Smith, the Ulster Unionist MP for South Belfast and grandmaster of the Orange Order, accused police of making a "fatal mistake" in rerouting Monday's parade.

Labour is also calling on the Government to rebuild confidence in the peace process by publishing swiftly the ground rules for the inter-party negotiations about the future of Northern Ireland.

With the Commons preparing to rush through later this month the legislation paving the way for the May 30 elections, Labour is concerned that lack of details about the role of the new peace forum and the way the negotiations will be conducted is standing in the way of progress.

Although the signs are increasingly pointing to the participation of John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour party and Sinn Fein, Labour is anxious that the Government stresses to the nationalist community that the new forum will not become a hindrance to the negotiations due to start on June 10.

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Britain a 'gambling free-for-all'

Lottery regulator accused of failing to protect young

By Dominic Kennedy, Andrew Pierce and Stewart Tendler

Davis: said research by Oflot was continuing

THE National Lottery regulator has failed to perform his basic duty, to curb the worst gambling excesses of addicts and children, according to a report on the first year.

The independent Directory of Social Change, which provides research for voluntary organisations, says of Peter Davis: "He cannot help reminding us of a predecessor at the start of the last century, of whom a Select Committee reported: 'Mr Wood, the Inspector of Lotteries, has performed no duties; and he has declared to your Committee that there do not appear to him to be any duties to perform'."

Mr Davis is accused of failing to commission research to find out whether vulnerable people are buying scratchcards and are becoming addicted to them. He is also said to have done little to stop under 16s illegally buying tickets for the weekly draw.

"He is required not to license any game which will 'encourage persons to participate excessively in such lotteries'. It is hard to see how he could meet this responsibility unless he arranged to find out whether such excessive participation was taking place," say the authors of *The National Lottery Yearbook*, published today with financial assistance from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. They add: "The Director of OFLOT has said: 'I will not tolerate the sale of lottery tickets to under 16s', but it appears that he is tolerating just that."

Camelot, the police and trading standards officers are currently arguing over who is responsible for investigating rogue traders who sell to children. A meeting of chief constables today is expected to agree that the police will not waste expensive manpower watching shops for the relatively trivial offence of selling lottery slips and cards to children. Instead they will pass information to Camelot.

The report says: "Britain is now moving towards a gambling free-for-all which is unlikely to end without tears. In particular the much-criticised scratchcards, though turning out to be unnecessary to the success of the lottery, have spawned an unpleasant 'scratchcard culture' alongside the more acceptable weekly draw." Scratchcards are compared with hard gambling. Although sales of Camelot cards are declining, the authors believe that is due to the success of competitors.

Mr Davis said OFLOT had conducted research using four organisations and was paying for more on attitudes and children. "Most major national lotteries around the world combine on-line and instant [scratchcard] games," he said. "There is no evidence that scratchcards have caused excess participation or damaging social effects in the UK. Early indications are that average levels of spending are not dissimilar to those on the weekly draw game" — £2.63 per player per week.

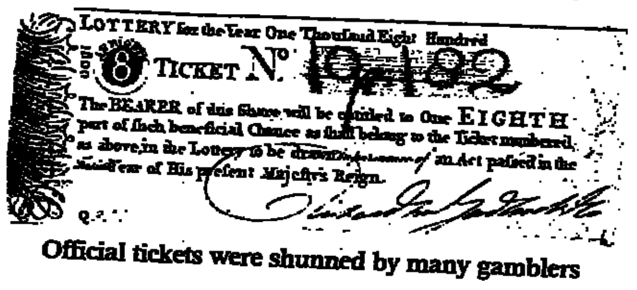
Mr Davis resisted pressure to resign last year when it emerged he had taken free flights on a private jet and helicopter owned by GTech, an American partner of Camelot, and stayed with one of its directors.

The Liberal Democrats, who passed a resolution at their last party conference to abolish the scratchard, agreed with the broad thrust of the charity's report, edited by Luke Fitzherbert. A spokeswoman said: "Research on scratchcards is virtually impossible because of the difficulties of monitoring their sales. We stand by our pledge to abolish them. They are addictive and open to abuse, especially by young people."

The Tory MP Sir Rhodes Boyson was concerned about the effects of scratchcards. "It is difficult to detect the true age of young people. While an under-age drinker is unlikely to kill themselves in one day, an under-age scratchcard player could bankrupt a family. There is a real fear that they are addictive. But I have no answers as to how they can be regulated."

Dr Lewis Moonie, a Labour heritage spokesman, urged the Government to commission urgent social research into the impact of the lottery. He also argued that it was premature to heap scorn on scratchcards.

Dr Moonie said: "It is obligatory on Government to see that proper social research is conducted into the effects of the lottery. It should already have been done. I do not blame the regulator for the absence of proper research. I blame the Government."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Official tickets were shunned by many gamblers

Betting fever led wives to tell tales

By Dominic Kennedy

THE unfortunate Mr Wood, criticised for his performance as Inspector of Lotteries in 1808, was appointed and paid by the Government of George III at a time when gamblers sought to avoid the official "good causes" levy by buying cheaper tickets, or "insurances" from underground bookmakers.

There were no police, so the authorities relied on informers to report illegal gambling. Tongues were loosened by a reward equal to a third of the fine imposed by magistrates. The most eager informants were wives sneaking on their husbands.

The first national lottery was in 1596 to repair the Cinque Ports. The last, before last year, was in 1826.

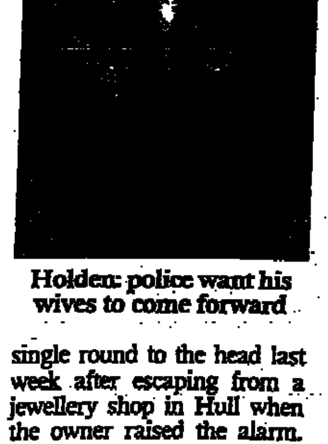
A Select Committee in 1808 reported that as a result of lotteries, "idleness, dissipation and poverty are increased, the most sacred and confidential of trusts are betrayed, domestic comfort is destroyed, madness often created, crimes subjecting the perpetrators of them to the punishment of death are committed, and even suicide itself is produced."

Everybody was suspected of involvement in the scam, including officials, but no evidence was produced to show that Mr Wood was a conspirator. Punishments included sending "rogues and vagabonds" to a House of Penal Servitude for six months, or until the draw was over. Between committal and trial, witnesses were tampered with or disappeared.

There were doubts about the economic logic of the lotteries, since the cost of parish relief rose to cover families impoverished by speculation. "No mode of raising money appears so burthensome, so pernicious, and so unproductive," the Select Committee reported.

Thief who shot himself was double murderer

By Paul Wilkinson and Stewart Tendler


Holden: police want his wives to come forward

A GUNMAN who shot himself after a failed gems raid was a psychopathic killer who faced life imprisonment for the murders of two Britons in Spain and Portugal, police said yesterday.

John William Holden was also a suspected bigamist with at least four wives in this country and others overseas. Known in the underworld as Big John, he was wanted on two Interpol warrants and sought in Britain for fleeing an armed robbery trial six years ago.

Portuguese police were hunting him for the death of Andrew Bonsier in October 1993 on the Algarve. Spanish police wanted him for the murder last July at Fuengirola of Gerald McDonald, 34, a Scotsman.

Yesterday Chief Inspector Ignacio Contreras, the Spanish detective searching for Holden, said: "I can't say I was sorry to hear of this man's demise. He was a timebomb. Wherever we pursued our inquiries, Holden spelt death and violence. Thank God he pressed the self-destruct button." He added: "He was a psychopath and an alcoholic. Drink brought out the killer instinct in him."

Holden killed himself with a single round to the head last week after escaping from a jewellery shop in Hull when the owner raised the alarm. He was carrying an automatic handgun and 40 rounds of ammunition as well as a CS gas canister and a two-way radio. Unarmed police cornered him in the car park of a toy store after a chase in which he shot at pursuing officers.

Yesterday Michael Speakman, Assistant Chief Constable of Humberside Police, said: "Why he shot himself is a matter for the coroner. But I can certainly speculate it was to avoid a hefty prison sentence.

"We are extremely lucky that people were not killed by him last Thursday. If he had decided to open up, there could have been another Dunblane and there was no reason why he should not have done — he had nothing to lose," he said.

Detective Superintendent Geoffrey Walker said that Holden had used false passports to travel the world, visiting the Philippines, Thailand, the Gulf and Europe. He said: "Holden is a bigamist who already has many wives, whom we wish to trace. We believe there could be more hiding in the woodwork."

Mr Walker said that Holden was known to have wives in Derby, Rhyl, his home town of Doncaster and Bridlington, and had at least two children in their 20s. He said: "He had gone through a form of marriage with several women but relatively little is known of his background."

Last night the father of the man Holden murdered in the Algarve said Holden's suicide had robbed his family of the revenge they desperately wanted.

Michael Bonsier, of Kenley, south London, said Andrew, his son, had been shot simply because he refused to give Holden information about security systems used by Group Four, his former employer.

MIKE WILKINSON

Staff preparing one of the mummies yesterday for display in the museum

Wraps to come off museum mummies

By Gillian Bowditch

ONE of Britain's best collections of Egyptian mummies, which have been gathering dust for decades in the vaults of the National Museum of Scotland, are to go on display for the first time after DNA testing to discover their medical secrets.

The mummies, up to 4,000 years old and including three rare child mummies, will be examined over the next three days by a team of doctors, dentists and pathologists in what archaeologists believe will give the best understanding of Egyptian mummies to date. The public will be able to watch a number of the tests being performed.

Only two of the 11 mummies, which have been in the museum's collection since 1912, have been displayed publicly before. The museum yesterday launched a four-year research project into the mummies, which will be used as the basis of a new gallery of Egyptology.

The mummy collection at the National Museum in Edinburgh is of international importance. Two will soon go on loan to the British Museum and then on to the Louvre. Of particular significance are two three-year-old children, believed to be twins, who were interred in a double coffin. Twin burials were rare in ancient Egypt and the DNA testing hopes to establish whether they died at the same time.

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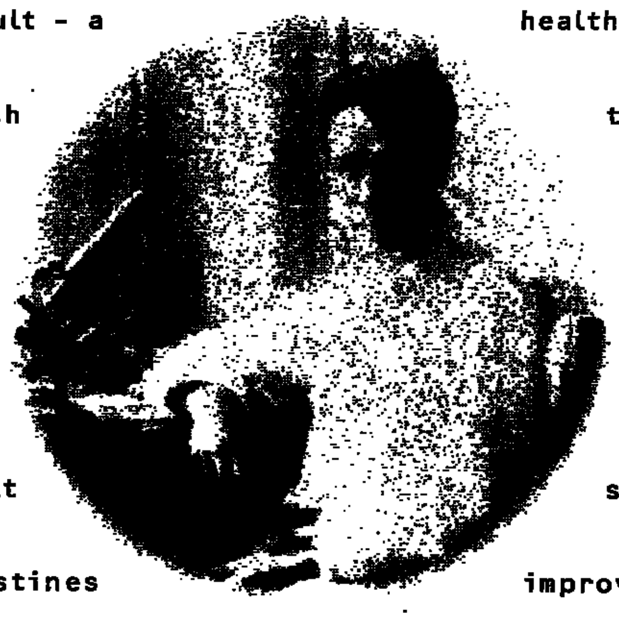

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Serious Fraud Office investigates 'own a bird' scheme that promised rich returns

Collapse of ostrich firm leaves investors in limbo

BY ROBERT MILLER, KAREN ZAGOR AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Serious Fraud Office will launch an official investigation this week into the multi-million-pound collapse of the Ostrich Farming Corporation amid mounting concern from thousands of investors who thought they were backing the latest fashionable investment.

People were persuaded to invest in the corporation, which used the funds to buy ostriches. In the past few months the birds have become very marketable because their meat has been seen as a healthy alternative to beef. It is now sold in Harrods and some Asda stores. Many schools have taken beef off their menus and are experimenting with ostrich burgers. Ostrich feathers sell for up to £400 per pound and can be used for theatrical costumes and non-static dusters while the hide is used for handbags.

Investing in ostriches has captured the public imagination. The corporation's birds are kept at several locations in Belgium and the company said investors were buying their very own bird which would be identified by an electronic device. However, the SFO investigation is expected to centre on concerns that some of the ostriches were in fact owned by a number of investors rather than one. The firm has strongly denied any wrongdoing. An SFO team of senior laywers, police officers and forensic accountants are studying files relating to the firm, which were handed over at a meeting last week with officials from the Department of Trade and Industry.

Ostrich meat was seen as a healthy alternative to beef. Some schools are serving ostrich burgers

Last Wednesday the department went to the High Court to ask for the firm to be wound up. The Official Receiver, whose job is "to protect and preserve the assets and financial records of the company", was appointed provisional liquidator until a full winding-up petition is heard on or before May 8.

The firm has been the target of a number of unrelated investigations by consumer watchdogs. The Advertising Standards Authority is looking into promises of exceptional investment profits in the company's advertising. The Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, also investigated the firm but handed its findings on to the DTI. The board, was particularly concerned over claims of a so-called guaranteed annual return of more than 50 per cent over five years.

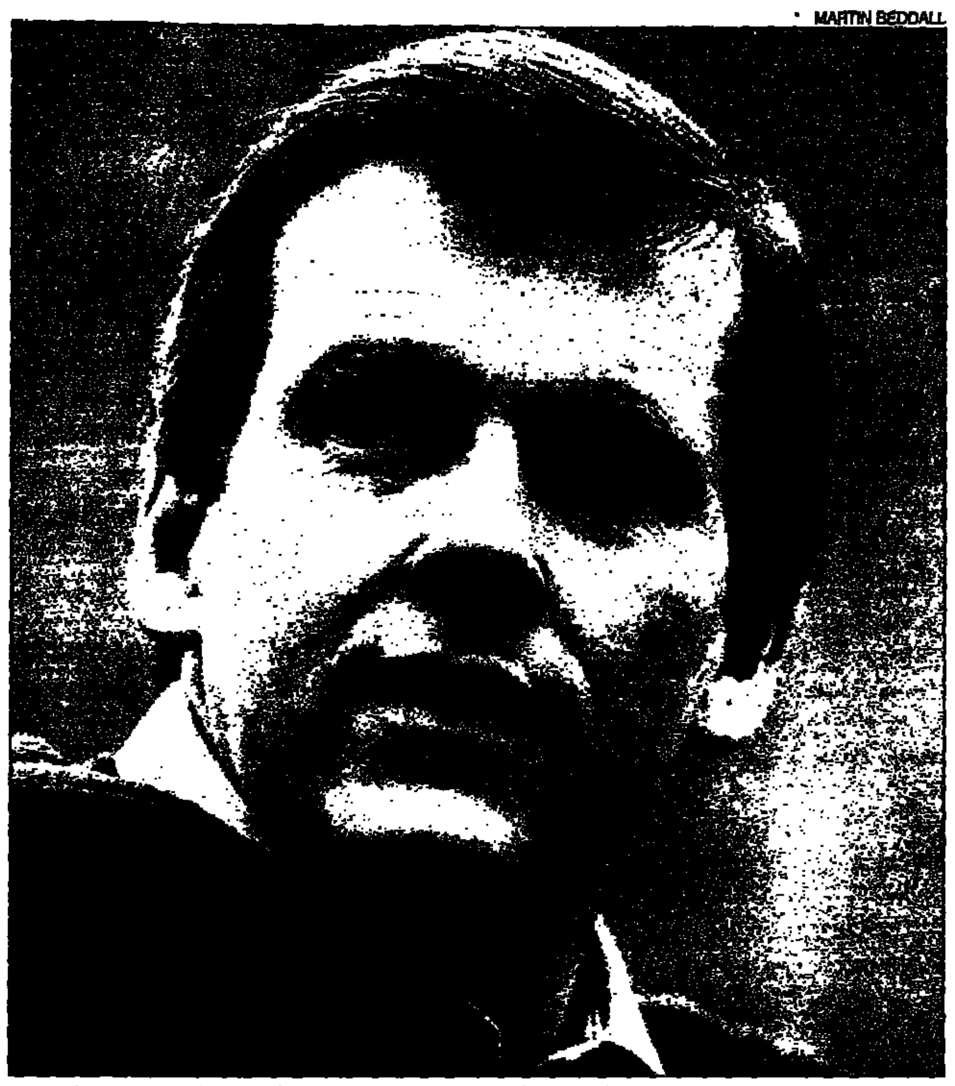
The senior City watchdog concluded that ostriches, like other animals, are not regarded as investments by the board. This means that companies promoting such schemes will not be covered by the official Investors Compensation Scheme in the event that the firm crashes. People who have put their money into any such company therefore cannot expect to receive any payouts or help from the compensation scheme. The firm's headquarters are in Mansfield, Nottingham, although the ostriches are allegedly kept at several farms in Belgium.

Richard Wall, an investor from North Yorkshire, said: "It's all very well having guarantees that we own the birds, but that's only worth the paper it's written on." Another investor, Gary Holloway added: "I am worried sick."

Justin Urquhart Stewart, a director of Barclays Stockbrokers, examined claims made by the firm. He said: "I went through the return on investment figures that they produce and I could not agree their calculations based on industry standard figures on any occasion and I found this to be grossly misleading."

Mr Wall said he had been reassured by Brian Ketchell, the firm's managing director, that the birds were being well looked after. "Brian rang me, which backs my view that the guy isn't a villain. He just rang to say that everything is fine and that they will be reporting back to the owners when they can. But there is a limit to what they can say with the Receiver there."

MARTIN BEDDALL



Richard Wall says his guarantees are worth only the paper they're written on

Mr Ketchell's business acumen was under question in 1991 after Video Magic, a company that he ran, went into administration. There has also been concern about his links with the Alchemy pyramid-selling scheme which was closed down by the DTI. He also employed Kevin Jones, Alchemy's former head, to market the ostrich firm.

An investor who spent £20,000 to buy three birds in the first stage of what was to have been a £42,000 investment said he wanted to preserve his anonymity. "I'm feeling foolish. My broker rang to rub the salt in today. When I first heard about it, I thought it was too good to be true, but the company was plausible — the investment was supposedly protected because the birds are held in Belgium. believe the Official Receiver has been over in Belgium counting the birds, and there is some concern that the company allocated birds to more than one person."

Bermuda banker is accused of £1.8m theft

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A BRITISH banker has been arrested in Bermuda and charged with stealing £1.8 million from the island's second largest bank. David Diggins, 49, was arrested at Bermuda International Airport as he flew back from holiday in Britain.

Mr Diggins, senior manager of international credit and foreign loans at the Bank of Butterfield, appeared before Will Francis, Bermuda's senior magistrate, charged with stealing US$2,812,000 and inducing a woman to deliver the money by pretending to have authorisation. He is also charged with falsifying a document with intent to defraud.

He was remanded on £40,000 bail and £80,000 sureties from friends. His passport was confiscated and he must report to a police station each morning.

Mr Diggins, from Hertfordshire, has not entered a formal plea but Julian Hall, his attorney, said he would "most certainly be denying" the charges. Mr Diggins, who is married with two children, arrived in Bermuda in September 1992. If convicted in the Supreme Court, he faces up to five years in jail.

Mr Hall added: "Quite frankly my client is mystified that the matter has gone this far this quickly, with so much damage to his reputation." The bank said that Mr Diggins was arrested after an internal investigation.

Ski victim was off-piste in treacherous resort

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A BRITISH skier who died after falling nearly 900ft in the French Alps was a keen sportswoman who lived life to the full, neighbours said yesterday.

Ceiwen Faulkner, 32, slipped as a guide was taking her and her husband Peter with three other skiers down a treacherous mountain path. They had been skiing off-piste at 6,800ft near the resort of La Grave.

The stretch where she fell was extremely steep and had become icy after the snow had melted. "Every season we have several bad accidents up there. It is inevitable. Thick snow gives way to ice and unexpected drops. Even in good weather skiers are putting themselves at great risk," a mountain rescue worker in La Grave said yesterday.

Antoine Sullivan, a neighbour of the Faulkners in Highbury, north London, described them as a very friendly and happy couple. "They were wonderful people, very active and sporty. They were always off on some holiday or another; skiing, scuba diving and tennis," he said.

Mrs Faulkner's family arrived in La Grave yesterday morning to comfort her husband at the Edelweiss Hotel, where the couple had stayed before. They were expected back in Britain last night.

The French police have opened an inquiry into the accident after being notified of Mrs Faulkner's death in the accident on Monday.

La Grave is regarded as a dangerous resort and skiers are advised to take a guide. There are no safety nets above its many crevasses and no marked pistes or safety patrols.

"It is an inhospitable place and has a reputation for being particularly dangerous," David Hearns of the Ski Club of Great Britain said. The club recommends that skiers carry avalanche transceivers when skiing in La Grave. The small radio devices emit a continuous signal that helps to locate avalanche victims.

In January a member of the club died in La Grave after being caught in an avalanche. Monty Montague, 38, was an experienced skier and had been skiing with a French friend when treacherous conditions closed in.

The dangers of La Grave were highlighted last year when a round-the-world ski tour tragically ended in the resort. Lucy Dicker and Arnie Wilson had just achieved their ambition of travelling around the world skiing on every day for a year. They had travelled to 13 countries and covered 110,000 miles in 237 resorts without a serious injury. But French-born Miss Dicker, 41, died after falling on ice and hitting a rock wall.

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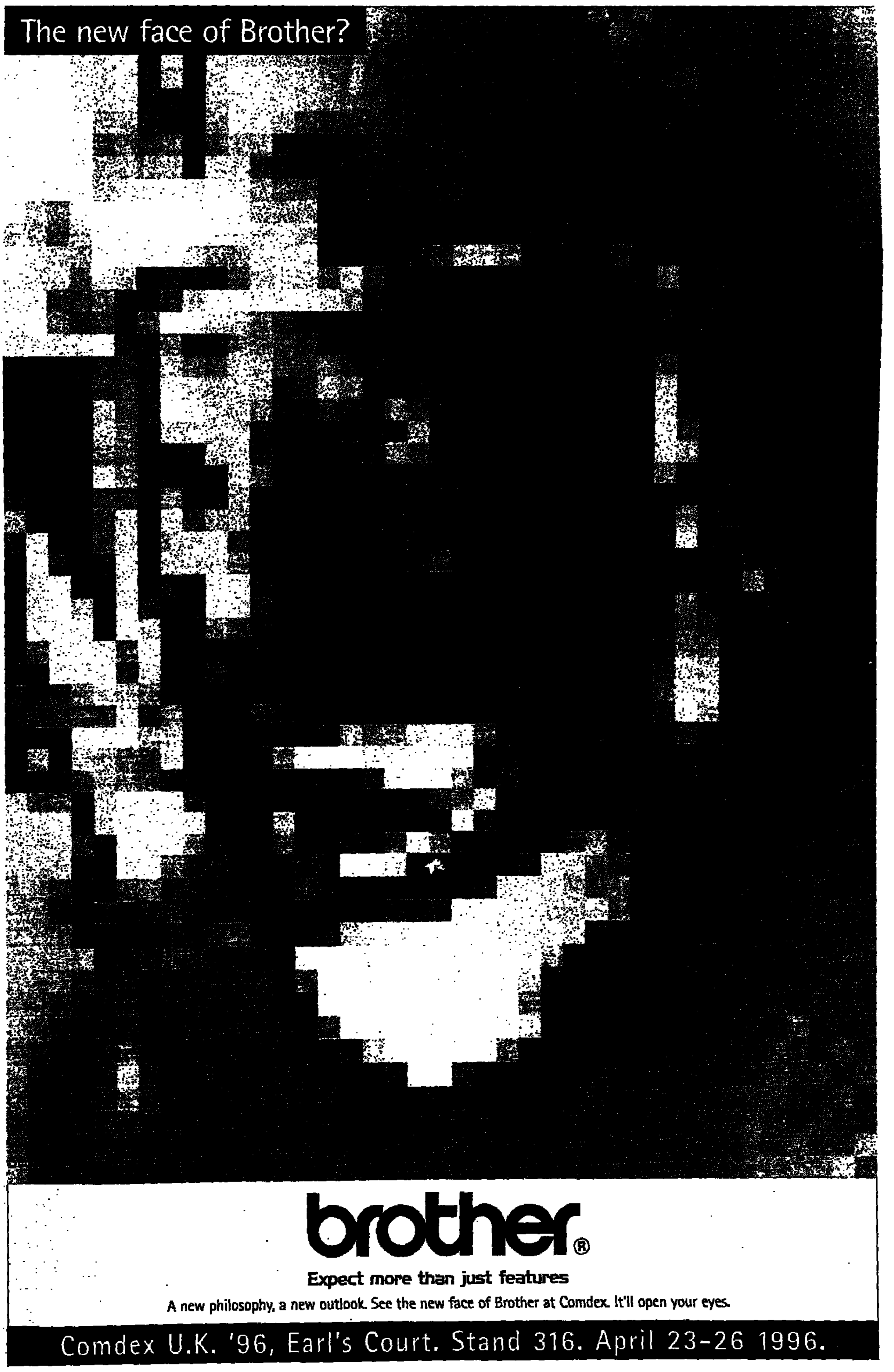

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Bargain hunters boost supermarket sales of sirloin

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BEEF sales are rising as fears of catching Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease subside, traders said yesterday.

In Brussels today, European Union veterinary experts may approve a partial lifting of the global ban on British beef products, an EU spokesman said. The move is expected to be limited to declaring beef-derived gelatine safe.

The main impetus to the retail market in Britain has come from a surge in supermarket sales of cut-price beef. The wholesale trade remains more sluggish because of large stocks of unsaleable beef overhanging the market.

Asda reported the most pronounced evidence of returning consumer confidence, with sales running at 50 per cent above normal during a week-long promotion of prime cuts of beef at one-third off the usual price. "We have been surprised by the strength of demand, especially for prime joints and steaks," a spokesman said. "Sales of sausages and mince, which many people associate with BSE [bovine spongiform encephalopathy], have been much slower. The promotion is now over, apart from sirloin steak which is still selling at about a third off. Obviously, we do not expect sales to continue at the level of the past week, but we feel strongly that confidence is returning. Customers seem to be reassured by our guarantees that all our beef comes from animals under 30 months of age."

Under a deal struck with other European Union countries in Luxembourg last week, no meat can be sold for human consumption from animals older than 30 months. Hardly any animals younger than this have ever developed BSE, which has been linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Gelatine, used in a variety or products, was affected by the total ban on British beef exports imposed by the EU last month. Aspects of that ban are to be considered by the EU's Scientific Veterinary Committee. The World Health Organisation insists that gelatine poses no risk to humans.

The British Government will plead for an easing of the emergency measures. There is no question of the ban being lifted entirely, at least not before Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, has submitted detailed plans for a selective slaughter policy, as he has agreed to do by the end of the month.

Sainsbury yesterday reported sales running at about 80 per cent of what they were before March 20, the date on which Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, disclosed evidence of a possible link between "mad cow" disease and CJD.

However, at the Smithfield wholesale market, Tony Riley, of the superintendent's office, said: "Beef sales are still so low that at the moment we are not even bothering to quote prices." About 31,500 tonnes, worth £79 million, is being held in abattoir chiller-rooms and warehouses both here and abroad and on ships at sea because there is now no market for it, according to a survey by the Meat and Livestock Commission.

German politicians have demanded an end to Britain's rebate on contributions to the European Union, in view of the EU aid that London is receiving to compensate for the destruction of cattle over 30 months old. "This rebate can no longer be justified," the European policy spokeswoman of the opposition Social Democrat Party, Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, said yesterday. Erwin Huber, the Christian Social Union Finance Minister of Bavaria, had earlier complained that Germans were being asked to pay for a disaster which the British Government had partly brought upon itself.

☐ A West Midlands slaughterman is selling horsemeat steaks at bargain prices. Bob Walker claimed to have sold 300lb of horse flesh to some 30 buyers yesterday, in a precinct in Smethwick. "It is very good value," he said, at the shop he has named Cheval Butchers. "I am selling the best cuts at no more than 80p a lb."

Princess's fake kiss advert is censured

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A COMPLAINT on behalf of the Queen about a faked photograph of the Princess of Wales kissing Paul Gascoigne has been upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority.

The picture, based on the wedding-day kiss between the Princess and her husband on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, was used in newspaper advertising for the cable channel Live TV. The advertisement, for the programme *Live Predictions*, was headlined "Who knows what the future holds?" Gascoigne was wearing a crazy grin.

Yesterday's report from the authority said that Charles Anson, the Queen's press secretary, complained that the advertisement was distasteful. He also objected to its use without permission from the Lord Chamberlain.

Kelvin MacKenzie, managing director of Live TV and former Editor of *The Sun*, said: "This image was simply a piece of fun. I have no intention of withdrawing the advert. It is no longer right that they [the Royal Family] should be protected by this sort of arcane behaviour."

The report says: "The advertisers argued that, because the wedding photograph had been in the public domain for 15 years, their use of it was not an invasion of privacy. They believed the approach was humorous and not offensive.

"The authority agreed that the approach was not offensive but nevertheless reminded the advertisers that references to members of the Royal Family in advertisements are not normally permitted; advertisers should consult the Lord Chamberlain's Office."

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that it complained only rarely about misuse of royal images in British advertisements. The problem is greater abroad, where the authority has no jurisdiction.

Union fears scheme may endanger primary staff and standards

HUW EVANS

Doug McAvoy yesterday, criticising delegates for rejecting reform of the union

Teachers threaten to strike if nursery vouchers cost jobs

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

NURSERY teachers may be called out on strike if the Government's voucher scheme leads to cuts in their schools, the National Union of Teachers decided yesterday.

The conference gave unopposed backing to a motion threatening strikes if teachers' jobs are endangered or their working conditions worsened after the vouchers are introduced. Trials of the £1,100 vouchers are to begin in Norfolk and three London boroughs next week, and the scheme is due to go national next year.

Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, said the low value of the voucher could force nurseries and primary schools into economies. Industrial action could filter through to whole primary schools.

"Some local authorities might not be able to continue with nursery provision for three-year-olds, as well as possibly losing four-year-old nursery pupils," he said. "Job losses could be anywhere in a school. If it loses nursery places it could mean a school no longer being able to support the salaries of its primary teachers."

Anita Wright, from Wandsworth, one of the London boroughs piloting the scheme, said: "Vouchers are a tax concession to middle-class families who want private education. We also know they are there to motivate big business to build private nurseries and make a profit from something that should be provided free by the Government."

Linda Taaffe, from Waltham Forest, east London, said the voucher system had to be stopped quickly. "The philosophy of the market is gradually creeping into schools. We are getting real privatisation."

Mr McAvoy later rounded on militant teachers who on Monday had thrown out reforms designed to give ordinary members more say in the union's affairs. The general secretary predicted that the reforms, which would require conference decisions to be confirmed by membership ballots, would soon be adopted by the union.

"This vote is not a rebuff of me or my views. The voice of the members will be heard and they will insist that their union listens to their views," he said.

After the conference Mr McAvoy said delegates would have to justify ignoring the views of members, who had voted overwhelmingly in favour of the reforms. "I do not believe the executive will want to keep from members of the union the decisions that were taken in their name. It is quite possible that the union will issue to members the breakdown of voting."

Will Reese, convener of the Socialist Teachers Alliance, the leading far-Left group at the conference, was unrepentant. "The alliance has always been in favour of encouraging the active involvement of all members in the affairs of the union, and we look forward to constructive dialogue as to how this can be achieved."

In his speech to delegates, Mr McAvoy said that the union would have to be more flexible if it was to be taken seriously by a future government. "If we appear obdurate and devoid of any willingness to consider new ideas, then we will forfeit any right to influence the actions of the next government."

Mr McAvoy said the greatest single advance for teachers would be the establishment of a single union to represent the profession.

Maggots from infested pigeons fell on pupils' heads

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MAGGOTS fell on to the heads of children from the dilapidated ceiling of a Bedfordshire school, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers was told yesterday.

The problem persisted for several weeks until money was found for repairs at Ashton Middle School in Dunstable, a listed building, the union's annual conference in Glasgow was told. Ray Mellor, a health and safety officer for the union in Bedfordshire, said the case highlighted the need for rigorous legal standards for school buildings. The conference resolved unanimously to campaign for the reinstatement of the 1981 School Premises Regulations, which were repealed by the Government earlier this year.

Mr Mellor told the conference: "Live maggots were falling from the ceiling on to the children. A dilapidated roof had allowed pigeons to get into the roof space. They couldn't escape so they died and the bluebottles did their worst."

He added: "We were able to quote the School Buildings Regulations to the local authority and the school to bring about repairs. Now we could not. The regulations said the roof space had to be waterproof and it was not. Nor should the ceiling have had holes in it." However, the Department for Education and Employment said its circular, which would replace the regulations from September, retained a requirement for the health and safety of pupils to be "reasonably assured". School buildings will still have to "provide reasonable resistance" to rain, snow, wind and damp.

The conference also heard yesterday that violent and emotionally disturbed pupils should be segregated more strictly to raise standards in education. Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary, said the policy of integrating disruptive children into mainstream classes was creating havoc in schools.

Mr de Gruchy said: "We have cases where we authorise our members not to teach children arriving for their first day in nursery school because they are swearing and kicking teachers." He said schools spent too long trying to redress social problems when they should be concentrating on education.

Orchard: wants changes

Legal aid chief seeks crackdown on fraud

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

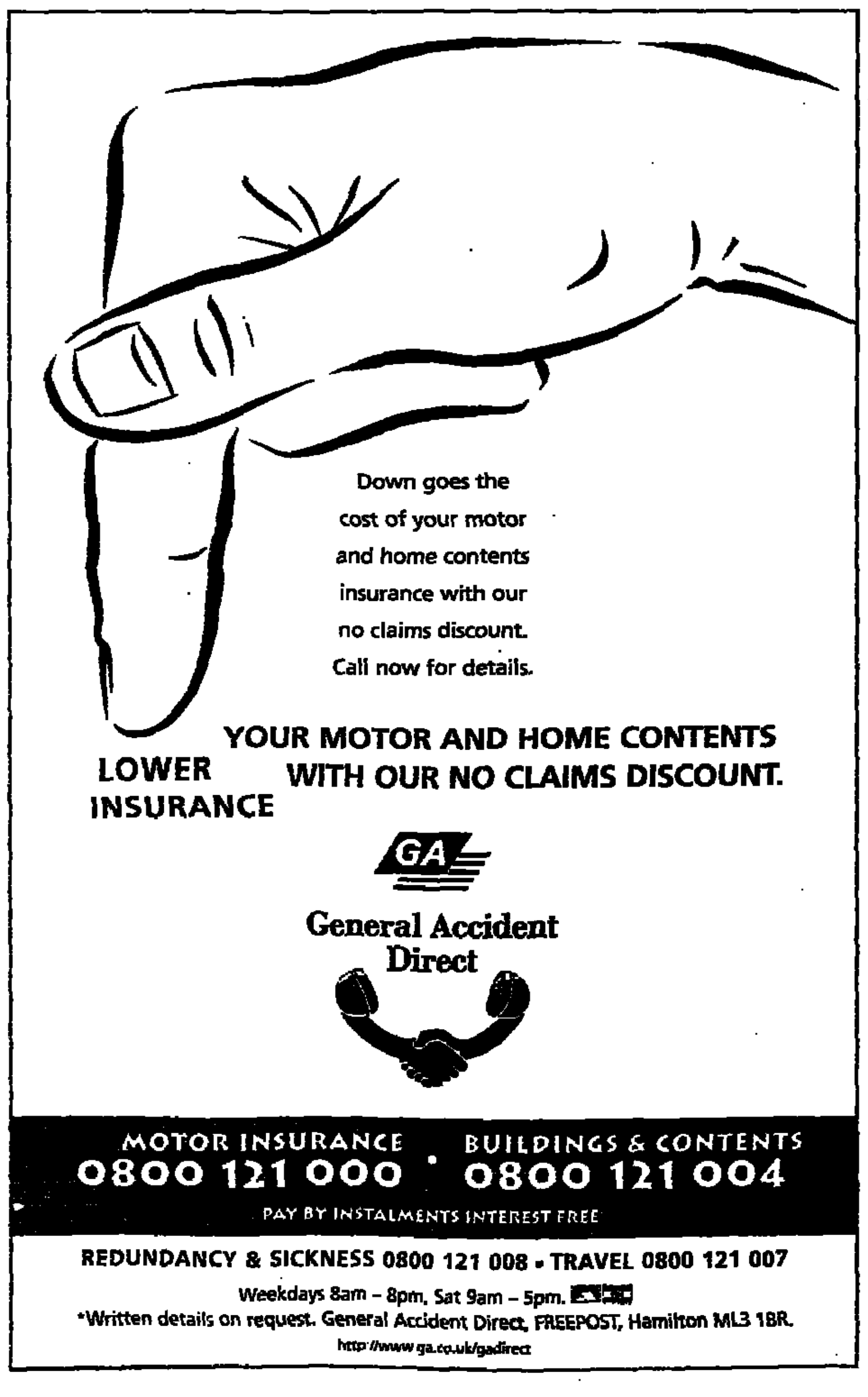
MOVES to reduce fraudulent claims for legal aid, including wider powers to prosecute people who lie about their means, are being sought. At present, prosecutions are rare and usually lead to cautions.

Significant levels of abuse of the civil legal aid scheme, which now costs £601 million a year — more than half the legal aid bill — were disclosed in a report last month by the National Audit Office. It found that some 11,000 allegations about legal aid being wrongly granted were made in 1994-95 in what is becoming a litigation tactic by one party against another.

The Benefits Office, which deals with legal aid claims, investigated 8,700 allegations and confirmed 28 per cent of them. A further 28 per cent were abandoned because people did not co-operate and legal aid was revoked.

Steve Orchard, chief executive of the Legal Aid Board, said it hoped prosecutions could be brought under a wider range of provisions in the Legal Aid Act 1988. It is also planning to use a £10 million computer to cross-refer applications to see if anyone has previously applied falsely.

"We will have all our information on one database, both on individual applicants for legal aid, and also on solicitors and the outcomes of their cases," Mr Orchard said.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Wife escapes ban over spiked drinks

A WOMAN who admitted driving while over the alcohol limit was given a conditional discharge yesterday after magistrates were told that her estranged husband had spiked her soft drink.

Michaela Kerr thought she had been drinking bitter lemon when she went to fetch a late-night snack for her son. But her husband Donald, who had put alcoholic lemonade in her drink, called the police after she set off without lights.

Yesterday Mrs Kerr, a 27-year-old hairdresser from Newton Abbot, Devon, who admitted being twice over the limit, was spared a driving ban or penalty points after magistrates in the town were told that two glasses of cider which she admitted drinking earlier in the evening would not have put her over the limit.

Anthony Goddard, for Mrs Kerr, said: "The police had been tipped off by what I would say was the husband from hell. She did not know she had been drinking."

Dr Jill Diprose, the magistrate, told her: "Given the fraught domestic situation you were in we believe you did not know or suspect the drink had been laced."

At a previous hearing Mrs Kerr told how she had a series of rows with her husband. Mr Kerr, 30, said: "I saw her go out without lights and with the child in the car. I tried to stop her but she went on so I phoned the police."

☐ Chief constables will today debate giving breath tests to every driver involved in an accident attended by police.

Visitors flock to historic sets of Austen film

THE film *Sense and Sensibility* caused a surge in Easter visitors to National Trust properties used for the production (Kate Alderson writes).

Saltram House in Devon, which portrays the Dashwood family home, where Emma Thompson's character lived, had to introduce a timed-ticket system for the first time. The George II mansion attracted 500 visitors on Good Friday, twice last year's figure. Numbers also *almost doubled* on Easter Day and Monday, to about 650 people.

Mompesson House in Wiltshire, the setting for Mrs Jennings's London townhouse, recorded a 15 per cent rise during the first ten days since reopening.

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Hon. Lord Cullen, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, who has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to conduct an Inquiry under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921 relating to the incident at Dunblane Primary School on 13 March 1996 which resulted in the deaths of 18 people, will hold a preliminary hearing at 10.30 am on **1 May 1996** within the Albert Halls, Albert Place, Dumbarton Road, Stirling.

The purpose of the hearing is to deal with matters of representation and procedure in advance of the full Inquiry at which evidence will be heard. The full Inquiry will be held in the Albert Halls, starting on a date to be later announced.

Lord Cullen may authorise the representation at the Inquiry of those who appear to him to be interested persons. Accordingly, all those who seek such authorisation should attend the hearing, either personally or by a legal representative. It will also be helpful if they would make their intentions known to the clerk to the Inquiry, Mrs Glynis McKeand, at Parliament House, Edinburgh EH1 1RQ (Tel: 0131 225 2595; Fax: 0131 220 5460) by **24 April 1996.**

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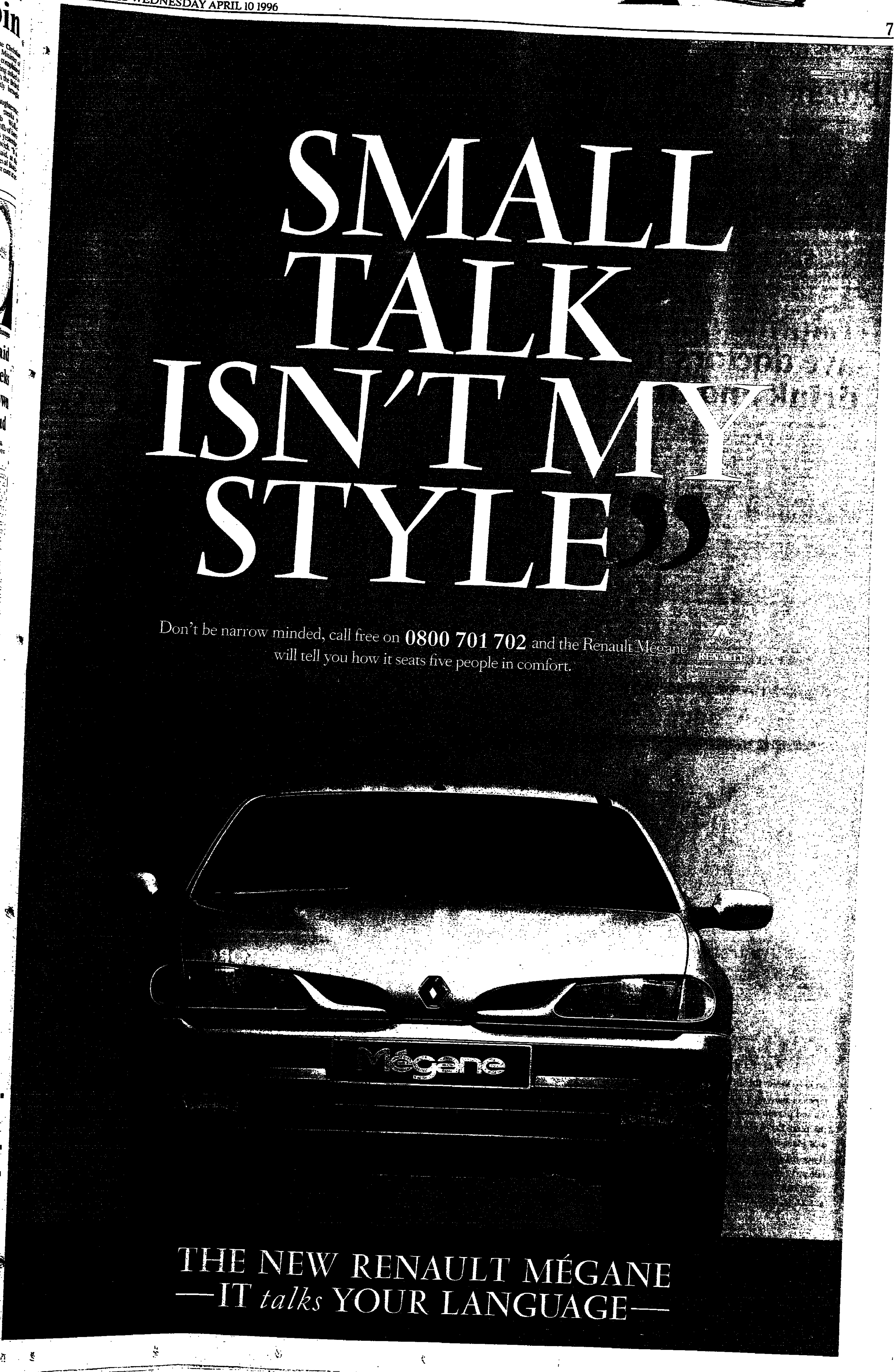
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Prognosis for injured footballer whose leg is his livelihood

David Busst leaving the pitch on Monday

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE graphic picture in *The Times* of the tackle that snapped David Busst's tibia and fibula and left the lower third of his leg hanging limply with the bones protruding showed that even the *legs of a Premiership defender* are vulnerable to an unfortunate combination of stresses and strains. The nature of the forces involved in a collision determines the pattern of any resultant fracture.

Mr Busst's fracture is described as compound, the technical term for an open fracture in which the broken ends of the bones have penetrated through the soft tissue, *the muscle and the skin*, and are left exposed to the air and possible infection. Compound fractures more commonly affect the bones of the lower third of the leg than any other bones in the body.

The amount of pain felt by the victim is often intense, but is sometimes, surprisingly, *not as great as expected*, as the body produces its own opium-type drug, the endorphines, when injury is associated with drama and excitement. Years ago I was called to a road accident in Norfolk in which a farm worker had been thrown from his car. The bones of his leg were not only protruding through the skin but had also gone through his high, hobnailed boots. *As I loaded my syringe* with a hefty dose of morphia he smiled and said: "You don't have to bother with that, I hardly feel anything."

The treatment of fractures of the lower third of the leg has changed over the past 30 years. Earlier many fractures of the shaft of the tibia were treated conservatively: the fracture was reduced so that *the bones were well aligned*, the leg was put in plaster and a prayer was offered that the ends would unite. All too often union did not occur and, if it did, it was only after months of immobilisation.

Later it was found that faster union was achieved if plates and screws joined the broken ends of the bones and held them in position. Now *the tendency is to resort to* internal fixation of the fracture by using a rod inserted into the medulla of the bone. The medulla is a soft centre of a long bone, where the marrow is found. Surgeons have shown that after an intramedullary rod has been fitted, and screwed into *position, the bones unite faster* and the soft tissue heals more readily.

Injury to the soft tissue often involves the blood vessels too. Possible arterial damage is always an important factor to consider in serious fractures of the tibia and fibula, such as Mr Busst sustained. For this reason it has been recommended that victims of these fractures *should always be treated in a* unit where orthopaedic and plastic surgeries can co-operate, as the blood supply to the limb has often to be repaired as well as the fracture fixed.

In Mr Busst's case, as after all severe fractures, there is always a worry that the bone ends will fail to join. Likewise there is a danger, however carefully the wound has been cleaned and non-viable tissue removed, of infection: embolism, too, is a hazard either from small clots of blood or from little pieces of fat from the medulla. These emboli can be carried to the lungs. The use of intramedullary rods has increased the amount of fat emboli produced. Fortunately, few of *the emboli* are large enough to cause the sort of trouble which recently afflicted one of the victims of the *Dunblane shooting*.

If all goes well, Mr Busst will be disabled for about six months. A footballer's legs are precision machinery and nobody can yet predict whether his leg will ever be as good as it was. As one surgeon said: "Most people would just be relieved that they didn't have to have an amputation, as often happened in the past, and can *look forward to* having a serviceable leg, but it's quite different for a footballer. His right leg is his livelihood and his criteria of a good result will be very different from other people's."

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Helpline opens to save doctors from drink and drugs

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE British Medical Association opened a 24-hour counselling service yesterday to help doctors to deal with stress and discourage them from turning to drugs or alcohol.

Seven out of ten general practitioners and hospital doctors surveyed by the BMA said they had suffered from work-related stress. Of those, 21 per cent had contemplated suicide and 4 per cent said they had misused drugs, probably tranquillisers or sleeping agents.

Nearly two out of five suffered a loss of libido, 70 per cent had trouble sleeping and nearly 35 per cent had physical illnesses including migraine, back pain, irritable bowel syndrome and peptic ulcers.

Steve Hajioff, of the BMA *junior doctors' committee*, said: "Clearly there is a significant sign of major psychiatric illness within the medical profession, which must be addressed by both employers and the Health Department as a matter of urgency.

"Suicidally depressed doctors do not deliver a good service to patients and do not deliver an efficient service."

The survey of 800 doctors by the BMA magazine *News Review* disclosed a deeply unhappy profession. Almost one in nine believed that patients had been encouraged to *make* unreasonable demands and the same proportion said the profession faced greater stress at work than five years ago. Two thirds welcomed the idea of a doctors' counselling service.

Of those who had suffered from stress, 91 per cent said it was caused by work pressure and 70 per cent believed it adversely affected their work.

One doctor blamed stress for a stroke which left him temporarily paralysed and unable to speak. Another, who appeared to be a hard-working competent professional, had spent £20,000 on therapy while continuing to work. *He estimated he was* working a 70-hour week after a 300 per cent increase in referrals to his child and family psychiatry practice.

Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA, said: "A *proper* degree of stress is healthy and normal: without it many of us would not get out of bed in the morning. What concerns us is that the levels of stress that doctors have to face are excessive, and the causes are worrying. It is intolerable for doctors to be told which patients to give priority to on the basis of where the *money* is.

"Added to this is the irresponsible way the Government has heightened expectations of patients, which has led to the so-called complaints culture. It doesn't guarantee higher standards, but it is the best guarantee of demoralising and alienating those who are doing their best in difficult circumstances."

Dr Macara blamed the Government's health reforms. "Almost 90 per cent of people perceived that their levels of stress were greater than five years ago. It is no coincidence that we are about to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the NHS reforms."

Mac *Armstrong, secretary* of the BMA, said of the high level of suicidal feelings: "This may be dramatic but doctors recognise suicidal thoughts as part of depression."

The General Medical Council issued guidelines in October 1995 encouraging doctors to blow the whistle on colleagues whose work might be affected by alcohol or drug abuse. Doctors should report colleagues to their employers or a regulatory body.

ANTHONY UPTON

Fiona Cottam, from the virology department at St Thomas's Hospital in London, conducting an HIV retest

Cleared patients seek second HIV test

THOUSANDS of people who have had Aids tests contacted clinics and surgeries reopening yesterday after the Easter holiday to find out whether they could have been given the wrong results. Up to 20,000 people have been tested for HIV with one type of kit which has occasionally shown negative for people known to be positive.

Aids charities brought in extra staff over the weekend to deal with worried callers. Susie Parsons, executive director of London Lighthouse, said its helpline took more than 6,000 calls.

The Terrence Higgins Trust said people should still have confidence in HIV testing techniques despite the discovery of a flaw in one type of kit. Nick Partridge, the chief executive, said: "The system is reliable and this incidence of error involves only a small number of people who have tested in a particular way and shown as negative when they were positive." The NHS has been using the testing kit, made by Abbott Laboratories of Chicago, over the past six months. About two million kits were sold before the company withdrew them.

The Department of Health has estimated that 20,000 Abbott tests were carried out in Britain between September 27 and the end of March. A spokeswoman for the Public Health Laboratory Service said only two errors had been detected in this country.

Medicinal gum patch delivers a quick cure

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

INSTEAD of swallowing pills, patients may soon be sticking them to the gum behind their top lip. The "Post-It Pill" delivers drugs directly to the bloodstream more efficiently than a skin patch, more easily than an injection and more reliably than swallowing.

A specially developed glue sticks a patch the size of a small tablet to the upper gum. *Remaining in place for up to* 24 hours, it delivers a steady supply of the active agent to the bloodstream in a pattern closer to the body's own rhythms. The patient can *remove it any any time, stopping* the treatment.

So far the patch, called Cydot and developed by 3M Pharmaceuticals, has been tested with three drugs: melatonin to aid sleep in the elderly; buprenorphine for pain relief; and heparin, an anti-coagulant given to patients after blood loss.

The trials have shown that the patches can be worn without discomfort, and do not interfere with eating, drinking or sleeping. 3M Pharmaceuticals is working with a number of international pharmaceutical companies to develop new applications for the technology.

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Clarke's prediction of breakthrough in Staffordshire is undermined by missing 'feel-good' factor

Tories ready to hail defeat by 5,000 votes as election success

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

SENIOR Tories are backing away from Kenneth Clarke's confident forecast of victory in tomorrow's Staffordshire South East by-election and preparing to claim success if the party is defeated by only 5,000 votes.

Tory strategists admit privately that victory is slipping away from them but emphasise that a marginal defeat would indicate public opposition to the Government is falling. After a string of by-election defeats with swings against them of up to 30 per cent, campaigners believe that a swing of 10 per cent can be portrayed as a springboard from which to fight back at the general election.

Tony Blair dismissed the Tory strategy as cynical last night. The Labour leader's senior aides claimed that the Conservatives were attempting to dress up defeat as victory. In a seat with a 7,192 Tory majority, Conservatives have fought a higher profile campaign than in by-elections in which they have been routed over the past seven years. While campaigners insist that victory is conceivable if wavering Tories vote, they fear that the stay-at-home factor among the disaffected is likely to be critical.

The eve-of-poll mood contrasts with the Chancellor's bullish claims in the constituency last week that Jimmy James, the Tory candidate, was heading towards victory. Mr Clarke said: "I think Jimmy James should be the first beneficiary of the 'feel-good' factor coming back into the Midlands now."

Both main parties recognise that, even if the Tories are defeated, the scale will be nothing like the 20,694 margin that Labour secured in nearby Dudley West in 1994. But Labour leaders underline that the Staffordshire seat, centred on the expanding and relatively prosperous town of Tamworth, is a solidly Conservative constituency in which a Tory defeat would effectively sound the death knell for a Government reduced to a Commons majority of one.

Mr Blair last night told a public meeting in Tamworth: "A Labour win on Thursday will show there are no no-go areas for new Labour. The Tories know this. They are terrified of losing this seat.

"If we win here, they will not be able to dismiss defeat as mid-term blues or a protest vote. They know that if we win here it will be the clearest sign yet that we are back as the party of the mainstream majority." At a separate public meeting, Michael Heseltine said a Labour government could ruin the prosperity created by the Conservatives.

On the fourth anniversary of his party's general election victory, the Deputy Prime Minister conceded that there had been unpopular decisions in recent years, especially over raising taxes. "They may at the time have been unpopular decisions. The Conservative Party is not by nature a tax-raising party. But they were the right decisions to ensure that we managed the public finances effectively and properly funded the public services that look after the old, the sick and the vulnerable."

A fringe candidate was arrested by police yesterday when he tried to address Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, as she visited the constituency. Tony Samuelson, 66, standing for the Daily Loonylugs Party, was held for breach of the peace at Drayton Manor Park.

Mr Samuelson, who opposes the Conservative Party accepting donations from tobacco companies, shouted: "Where are you, Mrs Bottomley? I want to speak to you." He was later released without charge.

☐ **General election 1992:** D. L. Lightbown (C) 29,180; B. Jenkins (Lab) 21,988; N. Penlington (Lib Dem) 5,540; majority 7,192.

DAVID BURNER

Fringe candidate Tony Samuelson, left, confronting Virginia Bottomley and Conservative candidate Jimmy James before being arrested

Trust Labour, Blair to tell US investors

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

A Labour government will complete the unfinished agenda of Thatcherism, Tony Blair will tell bankers and businessmen in New York when he arrives in America later today on a three-day trip to raise his international profile.

Mr Blair's visit, his first to America since he became Labour leader in July 1994, is intended both to strengthen his foreign policy credentials and to offer reassurance to overseas investors that Labour has changed its attitude to business since the 1970s and 1980s.

In a speech to the British-American Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, Mr Blair will argue that a Labour government would welcome international investment and would strongly oppose protectionist measures. His theme will be that there will be continuity in policies towards business, as well as change to improve long-term industrial performance.

Labour will seek to build on Thatcherism, not try to reverse it, he will say. The Thatcher Governments did two things right, he will argue: reviving a spirit of enterprise and creating a legal framework for the operations of trade unions. But they failed to reform welfare, to get government and industry working together or to transform education, training and skills.

Consequently, reform of welfare and of education and training would be priorities for a Labour government. Mr Blair will argue that a closer partnership between government and industry would not mean a return to the days of the corporate state and trade union influence over government policies.

Mr Blair will argue that the healthiest relationship between America and Britain is one where London has strong influence in Brussels and within the European Union.

In New York, Mr Blair will meet business and publishing leaders and make his main speech of the trip. In Washington he will meet President Clinton, Vice-President Gore, other prominent Democrats and media stars. Some details of the programme may have to be revised in view of the funeral today of Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary, who was killed in a plane crash in Croatia last week. Other funerals of those killed will be later in the week.

For the British audience, the aim is to boost Mr Blair's international credibility, showing him addressing large business audiences, being fêted by leading Democrats and on friendly terms with the American President. The British media will, however, also be concerned with tomorrow's by-election in Staffordshire South East, but Labour is confident that the impact of the trip will be enhanced rather than undermined by a big victory there.

Mr Blair has already become better known in America, through extensive advance publicity. After a profile of Mr Blair in *The New Yorker* earlier this year, there were interviews or profiles over last weekend in several newspapers and flattering profiles in *People* and *Business Week* magazines. Mr Blair is due to meet senior newspaper editors and be interviewed on network television.

The meeting with Mr Clinton on Friday morning will largely be a courtesy, accorded to the main opposition leaders of all Western democracies. The two were said by advisers to have got on well during their only lengthy talk in London, in late November, when they discussed the prospects for centre-left parties.

There is none of the anxiety on the Labour leader's side which preceded both the visits to Washington by Neil Kinnock. The first, in March 1987, was a public relations disaster as the Reagan White House treated him brusquely. In July 1990 elaborate precautions were taken to ensure that the visit to President Bush went smoothly, if blandly.

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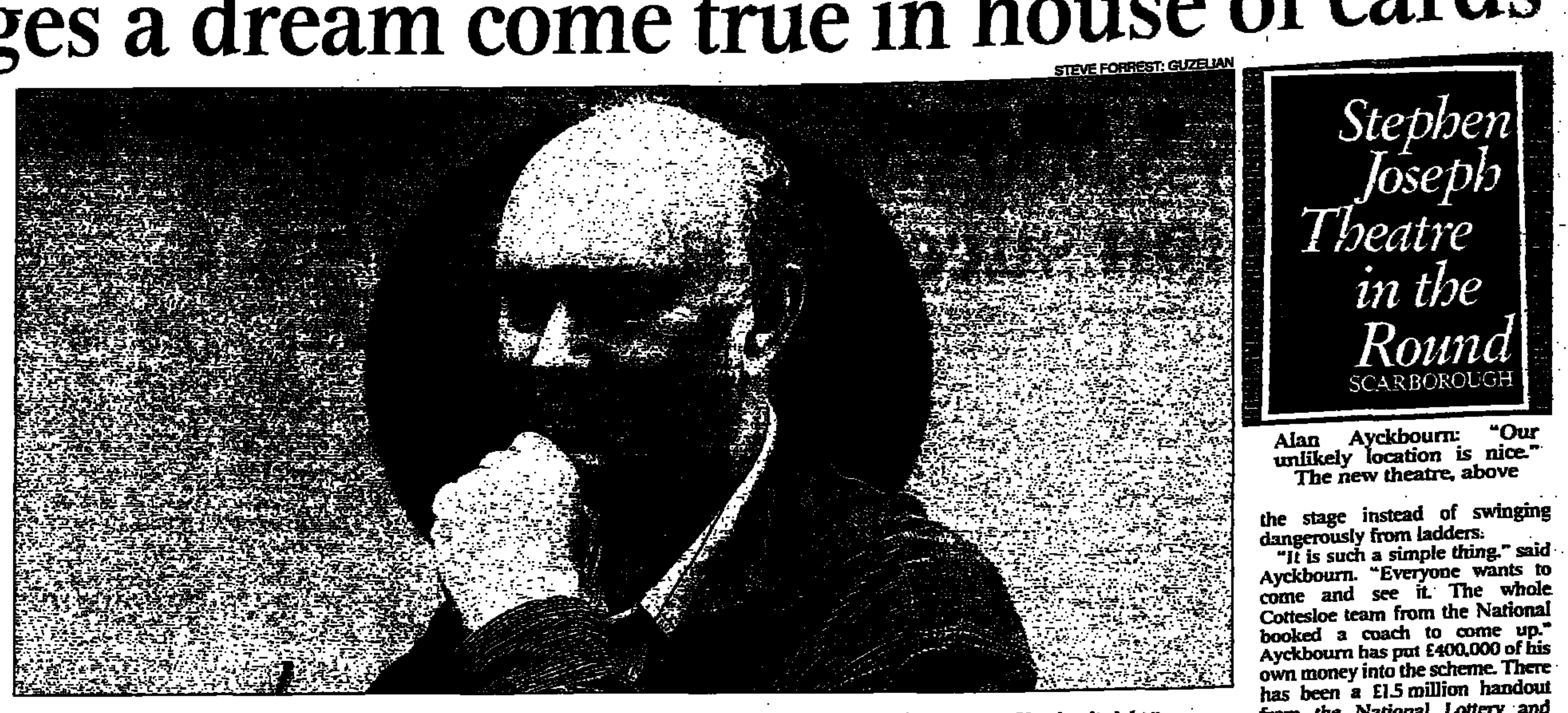
Ayckbourn stages a dream come true in house of cards

■ Scarborough's £5.2 million theatre has been 30 years in the making. Paul Wilkinson met the playwright who was determined to fulfil the ultimate ambition of his dying mentor

STEVE FORREST: GUZELIAN


Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round
SCARBOROUGH

Alan Ayckbourn: "Our unlikely location is nice." The new theatre, above

ALAN AYCKBOURN vividly remembers the time 30 years ago when he sat at the bedside of his dying mentor Stephen Joseph, cutting up pieces of card to shape their dream theatre.

This month the dream becomes reality when the playwright opens the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough. The £5.2 million project in the North Yorkshire resort is the high point of an unlikely connection between the town and the stage which began in the 1950s when Joseph, a theatre iconoclast, introduced holidaymakers to what was then an avant garde notion of putting the stage in the centre of the audience. What began as an auditorium in a flock wallpapered concert hall above the town library has evolved into a state-of-the-art complex.

"Stephen would be thrilled by all this," said Ayckbourn as technicians scurried about the converted 1930s art deco Odeon cinema. The building now contains a 400-seat in-the-round theatre and a 165-seat end stage which doubles as a cinema, as well as bars, a restaurant, and a drama bookshop.

Ayckbourn, who lives in Joseph's magnificent old house overlooking Scarborough Harbour, said: "He had an incredible influence on me but so few people know of him now. Young actors ask me who he was, yet he left this enormous legacy. There are open stages across the country as a result of this extraordinary man in a beanie hat, leather trousers and large boots, who was the scourge of the theatre establishment. He was hated by them. Ken Tynan loathed him. He presented a threat.

"I remember letters Joseph wrote to the papers when he said everyone ought to be Communists, which was then the most awful word you could call anyone. He said he didn't want to play the National Anthem at the end of the show. After that act of blasphemy I was trembling with excitement but he was absolutely right."

Joseph, the son of the actress Hermione Gingold and the publisher Michael Joseph, was a charismatic figure whose enthusiasm infected everyone who met him.

His death from cancer in 1967, at the age 39, set in motion a chain of events which ensured his ideas came to fruition. Ayckbourn, who had left his job as a stage manager for the BBC in Leeds, returned as artistic director and found a ready outlet for his burgeoning talents as a playwright. He said: "I inherited a theatre by default, and it was only later I realised I had fallen on my feet. I had this wonderful clear road to a writing career. There was no middle man telling me it was not suitable."

It is now an unwritten rule that all his plays are premiered in Scarborough. In 1976, the theatre moved to larger premises in a converted school, but when Rank closed its town centre cinema in 1992 Ayckbourn realised the opportunity had arrived to assemble those pieces of card he and Joseph had so often shuffled.

"As far as I am concerned, this is our final resting place, not just for the rest of my time here but, if we make the right decisions, for future generations. The result is very exciting. It is as near as I can dream of having it right."

The stage is hydraulically controlled so that it can be lowered to below-auditorium level where pre-assembled sets can be pushed into place. There is also the first lighting rig of its type in the country, where electricians can set lights from a mesh suspended over the stage instead of swinging dangerously from ladders.

"It is such a simple thing," said Ayckbourn. "Everyone wants to come and see it. The whole Cottesloe team from the National booked a coach to come up." Ayckbourn has put £400,000 of his own money into the scheme. There has been a £1.5 million handout from the National Lottery and donations of pound coins from local pensioners.

Ayckbourn is not daunted by the isolation of Scarborough from the rest of the theatre world. "We used to be out on a limb, but I don't know any more. Our unlikely location is rather nice."

Hi-fi potato tweeters on edge of new era in sound

By Nick Nuttall

GOLF tees, pens and parts of stereo systems will soon be made from potato, researchers said yesterday.

British scientists have genetically engineered tubers to produce new types of starch that can be turned into environmentally friendly plastics. The research has also developed substances for thickening or texturing foods, including an alternative to gelatin, a subject of concern over BSE.

Dr Alison Smith, of the John Innes Centre in Norwich, whose research is funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, said yesterday: "One of these starches forms a strong gel when cooked and could substitute for gelatin.

"At the moment it is not quite as gummy as jelly babies, but it is perfectly possible to make starch gels for sweets."

Dr Smith added: "Petroleum, from which plastics are made, comes from a finite resource. In contrast potatoes are a renewable resource. Starch-based plastics are also in general biodegradable."

The starches are expected to be on the North American market next year.

Attempt to save pilot beset by problems

By A Staff Reporter

AIRLINE crew and medical staff fighting to save a captain who collapsed during a holiday flight ran into a series of problems, according to the official report on the incident.

Roger Attenborough slumped unconscious as he prepared to land a 220-passenger Britannia Airways Boeing 757 at Malaga airport in southern Spain on January 28. His co-pilot managed to land the aircraft safely, but Captain Attenborough, a 54-year-old father of two, was declared dead at a local hospital.

An Air Accident Investigation Branch inquiry found that a nurse summoned from her passenger seat could not be strapped into the jump seat to attend to the captain, while the position of his seat made it impossible for her to get into the left observer's seat.

Having declared an emergency, the co-pilot could not land first time because the approach he was given triggered off a ground proximity warning system alert. When the plane was able to land, a waiting paramedic could not board for two or three minutes as the steps had not arrived.

The report said the captain "died during or shortly after the flight".

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Scientists believe galaxy could be full of unseen stars up to 60 times the size of Jupiter

Brown dwarf find advances theory of missing mass

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE elusive brown dwarf, pursued by astronomers for decades, has been found living quietly on its own in the Milky Way.

Too big to be a planet but too small to be a sun, the brown dwarf is the star that fails to glitter. But it could help to solve one of the great mysteries of cosmology if it proves to be abundant enough to account for the "missing mass", which astronomers are certain exists in the universe but which they have been unable to identify.

At the National Astronomy Meeting in Liverpool today, Dr Mike Hawkins of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh will describe observations of six brown dwarfs. Four of the stars are within 150 light years of the Sun, which makes them local in astronomical terms. Unlike brown dwarfs that have been identified previously, they are not part of binary systems or clusters, but sit alone and palely loiter among the ordinary stars of the Milky Way.

Brown dwarfs are objects that may be 60 times as big as the planet Jupiter, but only one-fifteenth the mass of the Sun. They are too cool to set off the nuclear reactions that make the Sun and other stars of its type so hot and bright.

Dr Hawkins and Dr Hugh Jones of Liverpool John Moores University have studied images taken by a British telescope in Australia and analysed in Edinburgh using Cosmos, a computerised system for studying images of the sky. They were looking for objects that appeared red, the signature of small, failed stars. Using the computer, they laid 100 images of the same area of sky on top of one another and the stars that had been invisible on the individual images slowly emerged. They red images could be seen moving against the background of more distant stars. The fact that they are apparently moving gives the clue that they must be close.

With the help of astronomers from Bordeaux Observatory, the distances were measured by using the amount of motion as a guide. They showed that of the six brown dwarfs identified, four are located among the stars of the Milky Way. This means that they can be only brown dwarfs, because regular stars cannot be this faint. Dr Hawkins says that they shine 100,000 times more dimly than the Sun.

"It was a fantastic feeling to watch the stars gradually appearing out of the blackness" he said. "In the end it all seemed too simple, just laying the images on one another, but sometimes the simple plans work best."

The discovery of four brown dwarfs in our own backyard, so to speak, suggests that there may be many more both in our galaxy and in others. If so, they could account for a substantial fraction of the missing mass known to be present in galaxies but currently undetectable.

Dr Hawkins said: "I am confident in saying these are the first bona fide brown dwarfs to be found. It seems natural now to assume the entire galaxy will be filled with these stars, and there must be one far closer to Earth, possibly within one light year. Now we may soon be able to work out what missing matter really is, and the importance of that is huge."

EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

In the last seconds of its descent on to Titan, the Huygens Probe should offer unprecedented views of Saturn

Amphibious probe to unlock mysteries of Saturn's giant moon

By Nigel Hawkes

A PROBE designed to splash, or crash, on to the surface of Saturn's largest moon is being assembled for launch next year.

The Huygens Probe is aimed at Titan, one of the most intriguing objects in the solar system. Astronomers believe that Titan may have oceans filled with liquid methane, swept by huge waves and with methane icebergs floating around. But the surface is swathed in a thick orange fog, obscuring what lies below.

Dr John Zarnecki, of the University of Kent, told the National Astronomy Meeting in Liverpool yesterday that there was no means of knowing where the probe would land, so it had to be designed to work on dry land or on the surface of the ocean. His team has designed the Surface Science Package, one of six instruments to be carried by Huygens, which will parachute to the surface early next century after being released from the Cassini orbiter.

Huygens is designed to touch down on Titan at a speed of about 20mph. The package will operate during the 2½-hour descent and for about half an hour thereafter. One of the things it will measure is the amount of "bounce" should it land on *terra firma*, since that can reveal a lot about the nature of the terrain.

It will also measure temperature and conductivity, and a sonar will plumb the depths of the oceans should the arrival be wet. Measurements of the refractive index of any liquid it encounters will give a clear idea what it is, as will measurements of the speed of sound.

What Dr Zarnecki calls an electronic spirit level will measure tilt, which could be interesting if the probe is floating. Titan's gravity is 15 per cent of Earth's and, with the expected strong winds, there could be huge waves.

Astronomers believe that Titan's temperature is about -170C, close to the temperature where liquid, gaseous and solid methane can coexist. This means that there may be methane icebergs floating on the oceans.

Titan is a huge moon, larger than Mercury, and was first discovered by the astronomer Christian Huygens in 1655. The probe is a project of the European Space Agency and is due for launch aboard the American Cassini spacecraft in October next year. It will take nearly seven years to reach Saturn, with the help of gravity "assists" from Venus (twice), Earth and Jupiter.

Huygens is expected to be released by Cassini on November 6, 2004, and will enter Titan's atmosphere later that month. Once it lands, it will have 30 minutes to send information to the orbiter before it is overcome by failing batteries, the bitter cold, impact damage or the orbiter disappearing over the horizon.

The success of the American Galileo mission to Jupiter, which took almost as long, reassures the astronomers that the instruments will work for seven years. Further tests are planned before it is launched to ensure that it can withstand the shocks of spaceflight and the cold.

"We don't have an absolute guarantee that it will survive the landing," Dr Zarnecki admits, but a flight test in northern Sweden last year worked well. The probe was intact after landing and transmitted data successfully.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NHS pays for sister's surrogacy

The sister of a woman born without a womb has been accepted by the NHS as a surrogate mother. Treatment has started on both women, who approached doctors five months ago, according to a support group.

The news came as details emerged of Britain's first baby born to a stand-in mother on the NHS. Jack Wells, who is almost two, was born after York District Health Authority paid £5,000 to implant his mother's eggs into a surrogate.

Scots calling falls

The number of people applying to become ministers in the Church of Scotland has fallen by 30 per cent, from 108 in 1994 to 76 last year. Candidates accepted for the Presbyterian ministry fell from 161 in 1993 to 129 in 1994 and 105 last year.

Dog savages boy

A six-year-old boy will have to undergo plastic surgery after his nose was nearly ripped off by a bull mastiff near his home in Billinge, Merseyside. Marlon Alker had the nose stitched back on at Whiston hospital and the dog has been destroyed.

Police chief quits

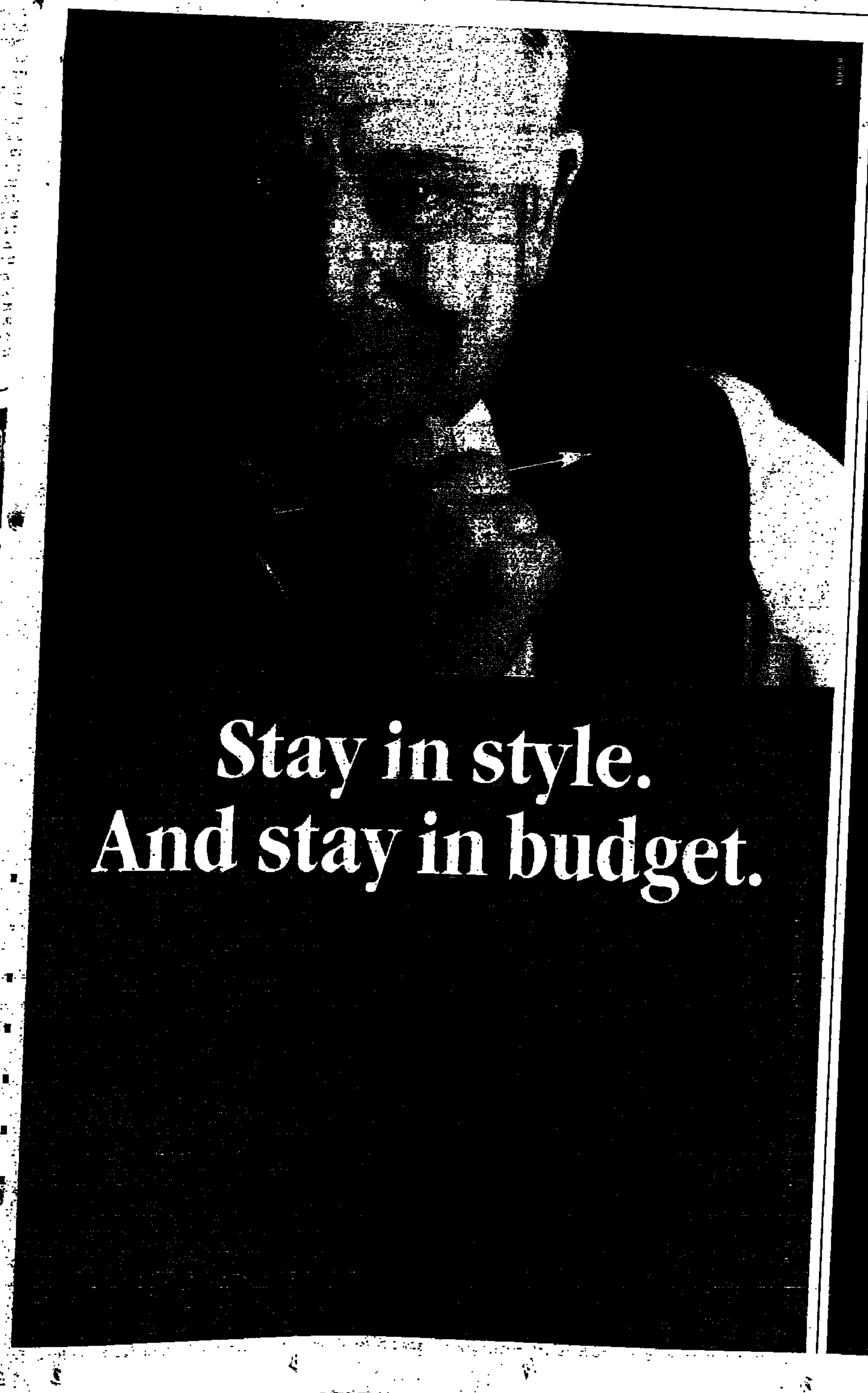
Sir Ron Hadfield, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, is to retire in July. Sir Ron, 56, head of the largest regional force in England for six years, recently called for the start of trials of CS spray and the introduction of national identity cards.

Legal go-ahead

The widow of a lung cancer victim was cleared to continue her test case against Imperial Tobacco. The Court of Session, Edinburgh, rejected the firm's demand for £2 million costs now from Margaret McTear, of Beith.

Bottom brief

Police searching for a man found him naked in an airing cupboard after he cried out when he burnt his bottom on the boiler. The man, 33, from Southampton, received hospital treatment after being bailed by magistrates.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Former Italian premier in court

Andreotti goes on trial for ordering death of journalist

From Philip Willan in Perugia

THE MURDER trial of Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian Prime Minister, begins tomorrow in a fortified courtroom near this picturesque Umbrian hilltop town.

The trial is without precedent in the industrialised world for the gravity of the charge and the eminence of the defendant, who was seven times Prime Minister, and probably the best-known face of Italy on the international stage in the past half century. If he was not having to defend himself against charges of murder and involvement with the Mafia, the 77-year-old former Christian Democrat might still be playing the role of elder statesman in Italian politics.

Signor Andreotti is accused of having ordered the murder of Mino Pecorelli, a journalist and editor of *Osservatore Politico*, a well-informed if sometimes scurrilous weekly magazine. Pecorelli was shot dead in a Rome street on March 20, 1979. Prosecutors in Perugia say the killing stopped him carrying out a threat to publish damaging information about Signor Andreotti that might have caused serious harm to his political career. Signor Andreotti became Prime Minister three days after Pecorelli's death.

The trial is a result of the evidence of Tommaso Buscetta, the Mafia supergrass who claimed in 1992 that Pecorelli had been killed by the Mafia as a favour to Signor Andreotti. Signor Buscetta, the best known of Italy's Mafia turncoats, told magistrates that Pecorelli had been eliminated because he was threatening to divulge secrets concerning the Red Brigades' kidnapping and murder the previous year of Signor Andreotti's party colleague Aldo Moro. However, his evidence is hearsay: he claims to have received the information from the two Mafia bosses who allegedly commissioned the assassination.

Accused with Signor Andreotti is Gaetano Badalamenti, the only surviving source of Signor Buscetta's information, who is in an American prison but has expressed a desire to attend the trial.

Also charged are Giuseppe Calo, who worked for the Cosa Nostra in Rome, Claudio Vitalone, a former Rome magistrate and close political associate of Signor Andreotti's, and the two alleged assassins, a Mafioso from Palermo named Michelangelo La Barbera and Massimo Carminati, a right-wing extremist with strong links to the Rome underworld.

The case was moved from Rome to Perugia, which is responsible for investigating offences by Rome magistrates, after a member of a Rome crime gang accused Signor Vitalone of having a role in the commissioning of the murder.

Andreotti: best known of Italian political leaders

Moro: wrote critically of Andreotti while hostage

Perugia prosecutors say Signor Buscetta's allegations have been backed up by the evidence of other Mafia members and by gangsters from Rome. They say the motive for the journalist's murder lay in information he had obtained about the Moro kidnapping and about a financial relationship between Signor Andreotti and Nino Rovelli, an industrialist and leading contributor to Christian Democrat Party funds.

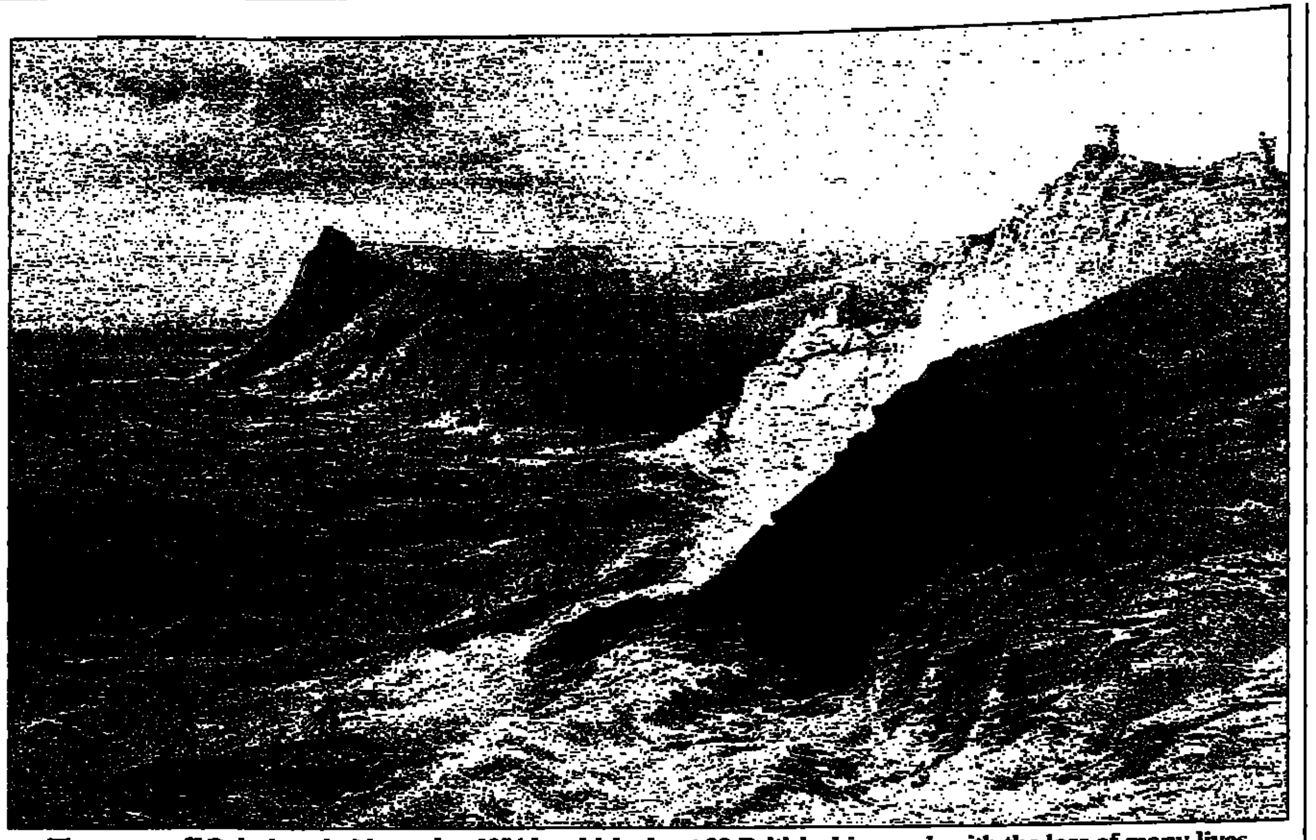
The two elements are linked in a document written by Moro during his 55 days as a hostage of the Red Brigades in which he levelled fierce criticism at Signor Andreotti, in particular for his contacts with controversial figures from the financial world.

Pecorelli's account of the Moro kidnapping was itself unusual. He described it as bearing "the hallmark of a lucid superpower" and said it was intended to prevent the Communist Party from taking the final step "into a direct participation in the government of the country".

Several Mafia witnesses have alleged that Christian Democrat leaders acted to block negotiations that might have led to Moro's release. The case still overshadows Italian political life.

Fausto Cardella, 46, one of the two Perugia prosecutors, said: "We are going to court to see whether the evidence is convincing or not. Andreotti is the Italian politician who is best known abroad but he has been treated in exactly the same way as if his name was Mario Rossi."

Signor Andreotti's lawyer, Franco Coppi, is convinced of his client's innocence and confident he will be able to demonstrate it in court. "We don't want to approach this trial by talking about the manifest absurdity of the charge. We will pretend to take it seriously," he said.



The storm off Balaclava in November 1854 in which about 30 British ships sank with the loss of many lives

Crimean site yields 'British graves'

From Thomas de Waal in Moscow

ONE hundred and forty years after the end of the Crimean War, a hillside outside Sebastopol has yielded an undiscovered graveyard that may be the last resting place of shipwrecked British sailors.

The makeshift cemetery, consisting of about 120 graves containing simple wooden coffins, was found last month by local archaeologists on the coast of Cossack Bay on the Kherson peninsula, southwest of Sebastopol, in Ukraine. Yuri Breslavsky, the head of the team, said they had uncovered nine rows with about fifteen graves in each. Inside the trenches were foreign-made bone and brass buttons and fragments of toothbrushes. He thought it likely the dead were sailors and probably British. "If it had been land infantry we would have expected to find weapons," he said.

The find is a highly unusual one for the Crimea, where most battlefields have already been excavated. The British Embassy in Kiev said if the dead did turn out to be British, there would be official help for what would be the first reburial ceremony in modern times for Crimean War dead.

Mr Breslavsky hopes to pin down the identities of the bodies when his team digs again at the site later this month. But he speculated that the dead might be victims of the famous storm off the Crimean coast on November 14, 1854. His judgment was endorsed by Andrew Sewell of the Crimean War Research Society. "It sounds plausible on the face of it that these newly discovered graves would be English sailors or members of the marine brigade, who were based on board the ships," he said.

The storm could not have happened at a worse time for the British fleet, which had put to sea from its cramped harbour at Balaclava after the disaster of the battle of October 25, 1854, famous for the Charge of the Light Brigade. The fleet was devastated by the high winds and about 30 ships went down.

Dudayev calls for talks with Yeltsin

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

DZHOKHAR DUDAYEV, the Chechen separatist leader, said yesterday that the conflict in his breakaway republic could be resolved in "half an hour" if he negotiated directly with President Yeltsin.

In the first response to the Russian leader's peace initiative launched more than a week ago, General Dudayev suggested that he was prepared to resolve peacefully the 16-month conflict in which 30,000 people have been killed. "It is necessary to hold direct talks and we can solve the problem in half a hour," he said.

General Dudayev said that he would be prepared to talk if the Russians renounced the use of violence and withdrew their forces from Chechenia. He also proposed an amnesty for all Chechens involved in the fighting. The offer received a frosty response from Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, who branded the general a "criminal".

However, Mr Yeltsin has admitted that he has no hope of being re-elected in the June election without a settlement to the conflict. General Dudayev said he did not blame the President for the hostilities, but accused hardliners in Mr Yeltsin's circle of ignoring the Russian leader's ceasefire initiative and prolonging the conflict in an effort to help the Communists in the presidential elections.

Chernobyl tornado 'spread thyroid cancer'

From Caroline Drees in Vienna

THE Chernobyl catastrophe caused a sharp rise in thyroid cancers and may be linked to leukaemia among workers cleaning up the radioactive fallout, experts told a conference on the world's worst nuclear accident yesterday.

Ten years after a fire and blast at the nuclear plant spewed radiation over much of Europe, 700 delegates, politicians and nuclear experts from around the globe met in Vienna to discuss the long-term impacts of the disaster.

"The Chernobyl incident resulted in a significant increase in thyroid cancers," said Anatoly Tsyb, of Russia's Medical Radiological Research Centre. A possible link between the fallout and a spate of leukaemias among clean-up workers was particularly worrying.

Leaders from Belorussia, Russia and Ukraine painted a grim picture of the shattered lives and environmental chaos in their countries caused by the Chernobyl explosion on April 26, 1986.

The speakers from the three former Soviet republics most affected by the accident emphasised that cash and technical aid were needed urgently to ease the suffering of thousands of people in contaminated areas. President Lukashenko of Belorussia said his country had to spend a quarter of its annual budget on dealing with a "radioactive tornado never seen before". About 70 per cent of the fallout was deposited on Belorussia.

The estimated total radioactivity from the blast was 200 times more than that from the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

The WHO is co-sponsoring the conference with the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Commission. The four-day conference opened with a minute's silence for past, present and future victims of Chernobyl.

Experts at the meeting said that about 54,000 square miles — about the size of Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands and Switzerland combined — were contaminated.

"The future health effects will be mostly related to children, and psychological issues will remain in the forefront," Professor Fred Mettler, who led an international health assessment team to Chernobyl in 1990, said. *(Reuter)*

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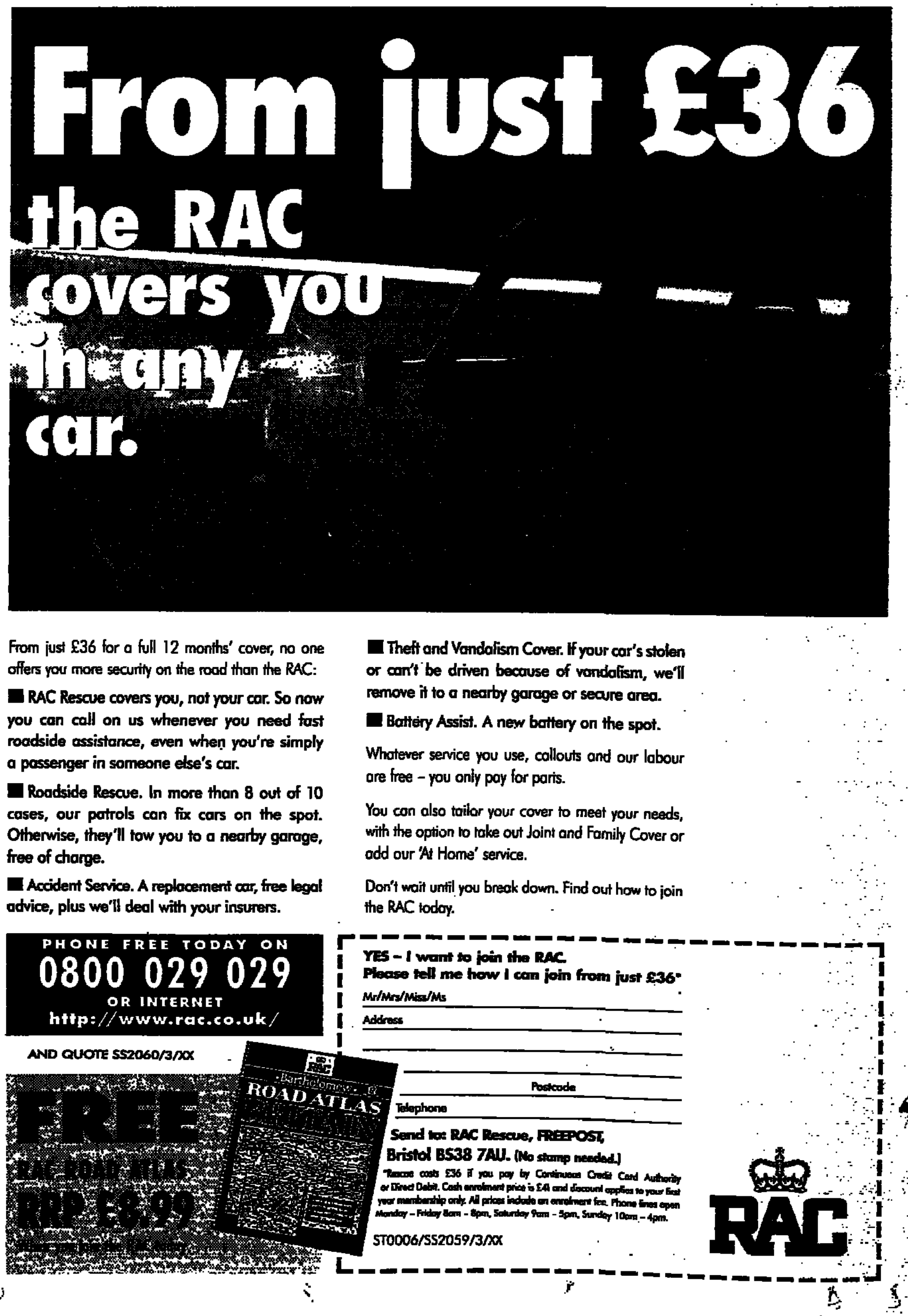
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Dudayev calls for talks with Yeltsin

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

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French 'curb rights protest in hope of £1bn Peking deal'

From Adam Sage in Paris

FRANCE was yesterday accused of putting money ahead of human rights as it rolled out the red carpet for Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, who began a four-day state visit.

Three weeks after China's military exercises off Taiwan, the French authorities are hoping to exploit the sharp cooling in Sino-American relations to conclude a series of deals with Mr Li.

The Chinese Prime Minister will meet his French counterpart, Alain Juppé, today and President Chirac tomorrow. French business leaders believe he will go on to sign contracts worth at least Fr 10 billion (£1.3 billion) during his visit.

Opposition Socialist Party leaders said the Gaullist-led administration had hushed up criticism of human rights abuses in China in an attempt to appease Peking. Human rights organisations have been told they cannot demonstrate outside the Chinese Embassy. Instead they will hold a protest a few hundred yards away at the Trocadero square this evening.

Laurent Fabius, the former Socialist Prime Minister, accused the Government of "putting its flag in its pocket".

In an article in *Le Monde*, several senior civil servants, whose identities were not disclosed, also criticised the visit. "To invite Mr Li to Paris is to commit a political error and a moral fault at the same time," they wrote. "Shall we congratulate Mr Li on having massacred students [at Tiananmen Square] in order to sell China a third nuclear power station or some Airbus planes?"

The French business community, however, is unlikely to see things in the same light. Mr Li is due at the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, southern France, on Saturday, when he is expected to order 30 A320 planes and three long-haul A340 aircraft. The contract is estimated to be worth £1.1 billion.

Mr Li's visit comes at a time when France is trying to rebuild relations with China that were damaged by the 1992 sale of 60 Mirage fighters to Taiwan. M Juppé's predecessor, Edouard Balladur, went out of his way to court the Chinese, a policy that has been taken up by President Chirac.

Privately, French officials say the stand-off between America and China that followed Peking's decision to stage military manoeuvres near Taiwan last month could work in their favour.

Speaking on French television on Monday, Mr Li said: "We are prepared to accept a dialogue on the problem of human rights but China cannot accept human rights being used to interfere in our internal affairs."

☐ **Peking:** Mr Li's heavy workload had forced him to postpone visits to The Netherlands and Luxembourg, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said last night. A spokesman for the ministry denied reports by a Hong Kong newspaper that the move was linked to Dutch plans to sell submarines to Taiwan. *(Reuter)*

Peking: President Jiang Zemin of China yesterday asked George Bush, the former American President, to use his influence to help Sino-American ties, battered by disputes on trade, Taiwan, human rights and nuclear sales. "He is an old friend," Mr Jiang said when he met Mr Bush here. *(Reuter)*

Admira Ismic, a Muslim, and Bosko Brkic, a Serb — the young lovers whose death in Sarajevo three years ago became a symbol of the Bosnian War

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From Stacy Sullivan in…

IT WAS in May 1993 that Admira Ismic and Bosko Brkic were shot dead as they tried to flee Sarajevo. She was a Muslim, he a Serb and they wanted to escape the madness destroying their country.

For eight days the couple lay in a still embrace on Vrbanja Bridge — her arms around him in a tragic symbol of ethnic warfare — before Serb soldiers scooped up their bodies one night and deposited them in a Serb cemetery.

When they died, Admira's father, Zijah Ismic, said: "If life is to hope, then I hope I will one day be able to bury them together as they lived." Now his wish has come true.

The couple's bodies have been exhumed from their untended grave and returned to Sarajevo where they will be reburied today in the Lion Cemetery. Mr Ismic said: "He stayed in Sarajevo because of her and she wanted to reward him by leaving with him to the Serb side."

Admira and Bosko met at a Sarajevo café in 1985 at a time when inter-ethnic courtship was normal. They had been together for eight years before they were killed, both aged 25,

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Champs-Elysées art exhibition arouses Parisian passions

By Adam Sage

A VAST open-air sculpture exhibition has given the Champs-Elysées in Paris a distinctly off-beat look.

Building on the success of a similar exhibition by the Spanish artist Botero in 1992, Paris town hall has decided to transform the French capital's most famous avenue from now until June. Almost 50 sculptures by artists such as Rodin, Picasso and Henry Moore are in place awaiting the official opening tomorrow.

"We wanted to take art back to the street and therefore to everyone," Solange Auzias de Turenne, who organised the exhibition, said. "We wanted to give as wide a public as possible access to some respected works liked at present by a privileged few."

Even before tomorrow's opening the works have attracted interest and more than a little bewilderment. Drivers, who usually race down the Champs-Elysées, can be seen to slow as they are met by the huge sculptures.

Some tourists have trouble knowing what to make of it all. "I would not like this in my garden," a sightseer said as she peered at a brightly coloured work by the French artist, Nike de Saint-Phalle.

Organisers of the exhibition say it is at night that it will be most spectacular. A lighting system has been created with the sculptures emerging from the darkness to the surprise of passers-by. Jean Tiberi, Mayor of Paris, said he had been motivated by the "desire to make Parisians lose their heads. The desire to surprise them, to seduce them, to invite them to a strange party."

Not everyone has been seduced. Jean-Paul Belmondo, the veteran French film star, said there were not enough Gallic sculptures on show. Accusing M Tiberi of incompetence and philistinism, the actor said in an interview: "I have just come from the Champs-Elysées, the most beautiful avenue in the world, defaced by the sculptures exhibited by the city of Paris."

His comments may not be entirely objective. He has been irked that works by his father, Paul, have been left out of the exhibition.

Rodin's "The Thinker"

Berlusconi pitches for Catholic vote

From Richard Owen in Rome

WITH the Italian election less than two weeks away, the Left reacted angrily yesterday to an open pitch for the Roman Catholic vote by Silvio Berlusconi, the leader of the conservative Forza Italia party.

The question of "who God votes for" has become central to the election since last week when the Italian Bishops' Conference dropped any attempt to instruct Catholics on voting preferences and issued instead a list of values for voters, such as family life, workers' rights, social justice, the environment and peace and solidarity.

The bishops' list was interpreted by the Left as "socialist", but Signor Berlusconi, speaking on one of his own television channels, said Forza Italia was the natural home for Catholics because it believed in "the family, life and the human being". Romano Prodi, leader of the centre-left bloc, retorted that the media tycoon was dishonouring Easter and using religion as "an instrument of political marketing".

The former Prime Minister's remarks also irritated the rump Christian Democratic parties, which are allied with Forza Italia and whose roots and ideology are Catholic. However, Gianfranco Fini, leader of the post-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale, which is increasingly the dominant element in the centre-right bloc, agreed with Signor Berlusconi that the Left had a history of atheism and had no claim to the Catholic vote.

Leftwingers say the Pope's views are socialist, pointing to his emphasis on social issues in his Easter message and to a recent speech to factory workers in Siena in which he accused entrepreneurs of "exploiting the free market in pursuit of automatic riches" at the expense of workers.

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Theodore Kaczynski

Suspect's brother put lives before loyalty

By Quentin Letts

THE younger brother of Theodore "Ted" Kaczynski, 53, the suspected Unabomber, wrote to him last autumn, asking to visit him at his remote shack in Montana. Documents have now been found at the shack bearing the names of some of the Unabomber's victims.

David Kaczynski, whose struggle with his conscience is perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the arrest of the prime suspect, wanted discreetly to check his fears that his eccentric brother was the multiple bomber.

A charity worker from New York State, he felt the first stirrings of suspicion last summer after noticing that his elder brother's occasional sorties from Montana bore a similar pattern to the Unabomber's attacks. The two brothers had not met for six years, but Ted sent postcards and letters home.

David Kaczynski's disquiet was accentuated in October when he noticed marked similarities between Ted's writings and the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto, which had been published in national newspapers. At this point, he asked a private investigator to look into the matter. When his request to visit the Montana shack met with a refusal, his suspicions were increased.

Much as Mr Kaczynski may curse the difficulty of the decision he had to make to put the lives of others before family ties and take his suspicions to the FBI, he won praise from Jack Levin, a leading criminologist. "We learn from an early age that you don't tattle," Mr Levin said. "You especially don't tattle on family members. This brother deserves tremendous credit."

The discovery at Mr Kaczynski's shack of documents bearing the names of Unabomber victims has hardened the belief of FBI agents that they have arrested the man who over 18 years conducted a bombing campaign across America that killed three people, but so far he has been charged only with making an explosive device.

First woman White House press secretary complains of 'glass ceiling'

Clinton accused of running club for 'white boys'

From Ian Brodie in Washington

DEE DEE MYERS, the first woman White House press secretary, has criticised President Clinton for running a "white boys' club" where women struggle to be heard.

Ms Myers, who resigned in December 1994, has gone public with a complaint increasingly heard privately that a "glass ceiling" exists for women in Mr Clinton's team, except for Hillary Clinton.

They complain that Mr Clinton is more comfortable governing with an inner circle of male advisers, contrary to his rhetoric about the virtues of diversity and of ending gender bias.

If the issue gains national attention it could embarrass Mr Clinton, who is expected to draw more heavily on women than men for support in the election. In fact, he has appointed more women to Cabinet and other top jobs than any previous President. Ms Myers was a case in point. At 31, after a year as the Clinton campaign spokeswoman, she landed the job of White House press secretary.

However, she was not given the office or duties that traditionally go with the post. She was parked in a cubby-hole while George Stephanopoulos, the communications director, occupied the larger office and conducted daily press briefings.

It was Ms Myers's first taste of being pushed into a subservient role. She had far less access to senior officials than her predecessors had and was excluded from high-level meetings where decisions were made. Nonetheless, when things went wrong, she was frequently the victim of Mr Clinton's flashes of temper, known as "the purple rage".

Ms Myers makes her resentment known in a new book, *Madhouse*, by Jeffrey Birnbaum, a senior political writer for *Time* magazine. His account says that Ms Myers was still out of the inner circle when she took over the briefings from Mr Stephanopoulos. She was not told in advance of Mr Clinton's plans to bomb Baghdad in retaliation for President Saddam Hussein's plot to assassinate George Bush. As a result, she unwittingly gave untruthful answers to reporters' questions — an enormous black mark for a press secretary.

Ms Myers was dismayed during an emergency meeting of the Clinton team called to discuss a dollar crisis. Men sat at the table and women against the wall, including Ms Myers and, to her shock, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, a financial expert who was chairman of the Economic Advisory Council. Ms Tyson tried several times to say something but men talked over her. She almost had to shout before Mr Clinton called on her to speak, and then largely took her advice.

As Ms Tyson and Ms Myers left, they agreed it was not the first time it had happened and that it would not be the last.

To be fair, after much indecision, Mr Clinton promoted Ms Tyson to a new economic post last year. However, other women working for him remain convinced their ideas do not carry weight.

Alice Rivlin, the budget director, wanted to compromise on a balanced budget but was overruled. Donna Shalala, Health Secretary, lost control of healthcare reform. Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, is derided as ineffectual. Carol Browner, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, defers to Al Gore, the Vice-President, on policy. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, lacks the presidential trust of her male predecessors.

Several women have left in frustration. So has Ms Myers, now co-host of a TV programme about politics. Her position was even less tenable after Leon Panetta became White House Chief of Staff and ignored her. She and Mr Clinton had a heart-to-heart talk during which they cried and said they loved each other.

She stayed only long enough to resign with dignity.

Dee Dee Myers, who felt the President excluded women from his circle of advisers

Reporters liked her, but felt she had insufficient intellect for the job. She was replaced by Mike McCurry, white and male, whose basic condition was one she never had: unfettered access to the President.

☐ **Wider powers:** Mr Clinton last night ratified legislation that will give the President more control over items included in the federal budget. "The fresh air of public accountability will blow through the federal budget," the President said after signing the Bill. The so-called line-item veto will come into effect in January, after the inauguration of the President elected in November. *(AFP)*

Tokyo: William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, will visit Japan on Sunday and Monday before President Clinton's state visit next week, the Foreign Ministry announced. Mr Perry will hold talks over American bases in Okinawa, where three US servicemen were convicted of raping a girl of 12 last September. ***(Reuter)***

American children switch screens

From Quentin Letts in New York

AMERICAN children are watching five hours' less television a week than they did in the 1980s, according to new figures. Research found that youngsters aged two to 11 sit in front of the television for an average of 21 hours, 38 minutes a week.

A decade ago the figure was more than 26 hours a week. The 18 per cent drop is attributed to increased use of computers, videotapes and, perhaps, an increased awareness among parents of the "time-wasting" potential of television. Despite the drop in average watching times, however, television remained the biggest single activity for children, far more than sport, books or other forms of play.

The watching figures were reported by Nielsen Media Research, which also monitors audience figures for television companies and advertisers. The drop in viewing times will be a cause for concern within the industry as it may threaten the ability of television to provide advertisers a mass market. Some companies have already accommodated the change, and now market their products on computer online services and elsewhere.

Audrey Guskey, a marketing analyst at Pittsburgh School of Business Administration, said yesterday: "Children certainly are watching less television. Technology has expanded to allow more creativity. It is very good news for society, although in some instances we are going from one evil to what a lot of people consider to be another evil."

Families are monitoring television habits more, she said, and sometimes prefer videotapes because they can be selected by parents and pre-screened for undesired material. "Modern parents have grown up with television and know what a time waster it can be. Children are moving in the right direction," Ms Guskey said. Children's television viewing reached its peak in 1984, when American youngsters spent more than 26 hours a week watching programmes. In 1988 they were still devoting the equivalent of a whole day a week to the television, but the figures then dropped steeply with the development of computer entertainment and the Internet. It may also be that the viewing slump has something to do with the woeful quality of some shows.

Business executives have a saying that "advertising follows the eyeballs", and consequently some firms now reserve part of their promotional budgets for media other than television. Jane Dukes, a marketing manager for the fast food chain McDonald's, said: "We have to innovate, be relevant and stay contemporary." Her company, much of whose business comes from children, now chases those eyeballs down computer lines and cable television outlets specialising in children's entertainment.

Killer apologises to prostitutes' families

By Quentin Letts

A CONFESSED murderer of prostitutes who dismembered his victims and dumped their bodies in New York rubbish bins apologised to the families of the women he killed, and said that he felt "horrible".

Robert Shulman, a 42-year-old post office sorter, whimpered as he was led to a police car in Patchogue, Long Island. He confessed to killing five young women since 1991.

Shulman, whose 37-year-old brother is also being questioned by police in connection with the murders, would drive to a notorious pick-up spot for prostitutes and take them back to his flat. There, after sex and drugs, he would beat them to death using a hammer, baseball bat or his gymnastic weights. He disposed of the bodies in bins around Long Island, having first chopped off the women's arms.

Police finally tracked down one of the victims from a tattoo on her body. From there the investigation moved swiftly, for Shulman and his cruising blue Cadillac were familiar to the local prostitutes. The Shulman brothers were known in the area as odd but rarely talked to neighbours.

Prosecutors would not say if they intend to press for the death penalty for the killings reminiscent of Jack the Ripper under the state's recently altered punishment laws.

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Rockets injure 26 Israelis

Jerusalem: At least 26 Israeli citizens were wounded yesterday when Islamic guerrillas fired *Katyusha* rockets at a Jewish settlement along the northern border with Lebanon (Ross Dunn writes).

The attack, after a landmine explosion killed a Lebanese youth, 17, has raised fears that the conflict in south Lebanon could worsen.

Hezbollah guerrillas fired two salvos on Kiryat Shimona and one rocket made a direct hit on a block of flats. Israel retaliated immediately, using air force jets, artillery and heavy tank fire to blast suspected hideouts of Hezbollah fighters.

Sharjah sheikh dies of stroke

Dubai: A member of Sharjah's Royal Family has died of a stroke three weeks after he was injured when a firecracker hit him during an international football match in the United Arab Emirates. Sheikh Mohammad ibn Khaled al-Qasimi died in Britain, where he was undergoing plastic surgery on his ear, which had been ripped off by the firecracker. *(AFP)*

British tie cut

Wellington: New Zealand moved to sever another British tie, with plans to abolish the right of appeal to the Privy Council. The next election is also to be held by proportional representation. *(Reuter)*

Overtime plea

Tokyo: Takanobu Nagai, Japan's Labour Minister, said employers had been asked to protect workers from death from overwork by reducing overtime. Last year 76 people died of overwork. *(AFP)*

Keys to faith

Tehran: An Iranian religious scholar has designed software that will call Muslim computer users to prayer five times a day. Haj Samimi spent a year developing the programme to ensure its accuracy. *(AFP)*

Killer beheaded

Delhi: A 30-strong gang stormed a prison at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu where they beheaded a man jailed for murder and escaped with his severed head, the Press Trust of India reported. *(AP)*

Square bashing

Moscow: Russia will stage a military parade in Red Square on May 9 to mark the victory over Germany in the Second World War, thus reviving the Soviet tradition of huge military displays. *(AFP)*

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Jessica makes pre-flight checks while training

Pilot aged seven aims to fly across US twice

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

AMELIA EARHART would turn in her watery grave. Fifty-nine years after the legendary aviator disappeared over the Pacific, another female hopes to make flying history — but with an instructor at her side and extensions strapped to her legs.

Jessica Dubroff, seven, takes off today from the quiet resort of Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco. At 4 ft 2 in she is set to become the smallest as well as the youngest person to pilot a plane across the US. She needs the leg extensions to reach the rudder pedals.

With her instructor, Joe Reid, in the co-pilot's seat, and her father, Lloyd Dubroff, behind them, Jessica faces a 6,500-mile odyssey over the Rockies and the Great Lakes to Massachussetts, all in a four-seat Cessna.

So advanced is the infant-pilot cult in America that records go only to those who make the return flight. In 1987 an 11-year-old Texan became the youngest to fly coast-to-coast, but his record was broken twice within a year. Since 1988 it has been held by Tony Aliengena, who flew from San Diego to Boston and back when nine.

Miss Dubroff has been flying barely a year. Her number if hours in the air so far is 30, a tally she will more than double during the trip. With strong tailwinds and no mishaps it could take a mere 40 hours, but if turbulence forces Mr Reid to take the controls she must repeat the whole leg to stay in contention.

America's latest aviation pioneer lacks the intercom-friendly gravitas of an airline pilot, but shows promise in the field of reckless nonchalance.

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Mandela's links with rogue states vex West

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

A VISIT by Alfred Nzo, the South African Foreign Minister, to Iran has raised concern in the West over the foreign policy initiatives of the Government led by the African National Congress.

With cool assurance the Pretoria Government has publicly rejected Washington's attempts to influence its relationship with Iran, accused by the Americans of sponsoring terrorism. On Monday Iran's official news agency quoted Mr Nzo at the start of his three-day visit to promote economic co-operation as saying that South Africa did not follow the American policy of trying to isolate Iran. "Relations with Iran are good," he said pointedly.

Last year, after South Africa agreed in principle to allow Iran to store 15 million barrels of oil at a coastal depot, President Mandela's Government was criticised by Washington. Iran, which supplies 90 per cent of South Africa's oil, has indicated its intention to press ahead with the project. After talks with President Rafsanjani, Mr Nzo said the oil storage agreement only required the resolution of technical problems.

Mr Nzo's visit to Tehran comes against the backdrop of growing concern about the direction and substance of South African foreign policy. President Mandela has made it clear that South Africa intends to maintain friendly ties with states such as Cuba and Iran and will not be deterred by criticism of terrorist links or dubious human rights records.

Pitfalls in the policy were highlighted as South Africa tried to negotiate with Nigeria's military rulers. After the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni activists by the Abacha Government, Mr Mandela performed a volte face and led international condemnation of the junta. But when other southern African leaders failed to support him he had to back down.

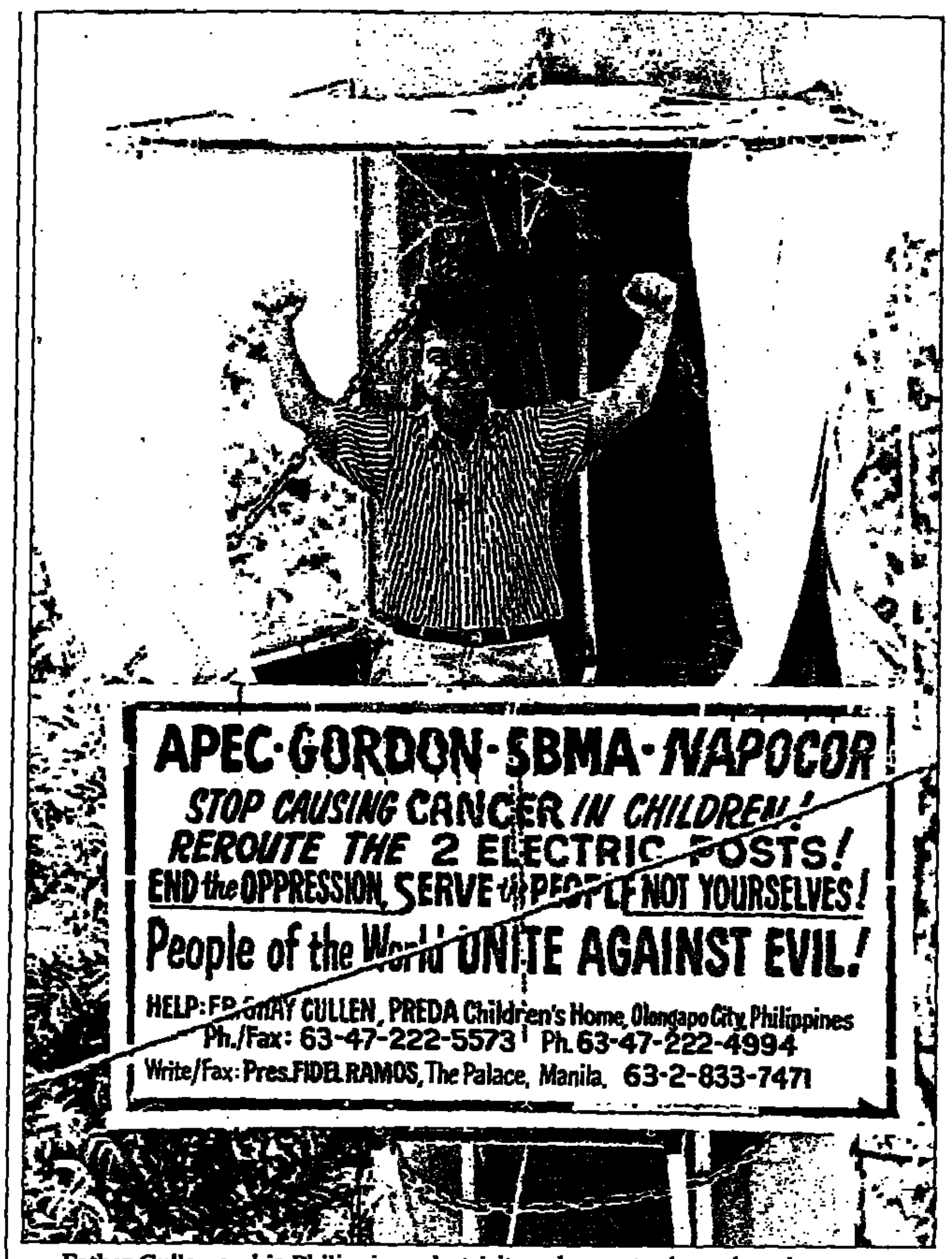
A further backtracking in Pretoria's hardline position towards the Abacha Government was highlighted by the problems encountered by Nigerian opposition figures in reaching Johannesburg for a meeting last weekend.

There is talk in Pretoria of a more pragmatic approach to foreign policy. Yet while Mr Mandela may have fallen more closely into step with Britain and America over Nigeria, other headaches can be expected over his ad hoc approach to foreign policy. On the back of a visit to South Africa by a prominent Algerian Islamic terrorist in February, representatives of the anti-Israeli Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, are expected in the country for an Islamic conference.

Mr Mandela has also raised eyebrows by inviting Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to visit South Africa. There is concern in Western circles that South Africa could become a haven for supporters of pariah and rogue states and behind the scenes diplomatic pressure is being brought to bear on Pretoria.

"South African foreign policy is often bewildering and perplexing," one Western diplomat said. "Western governments are making it clear they are not always happy with the company the South African Government is keeping."

Gaddafi: invited to be a guest of Pretoria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Father Cullen on his Philippines electricity pylon yesterday, where he spent a fourth day protesting against the siting of a power cable above a children's home

Priest's power struggle on pylon

FROM REUTER
IN OLONGAPO

AN IRISH priest remained perched on a 40ft electricity pylon in the Philippines for the fourth day yesterday in protest against the installation of a power cable near a children's home.

"I have to stay here on this platform as a symbol of our determination to protect the children ... I will stay here until the National Power Corp will agree to remove this post," said Father Shay Cullen, 53, who is urging the leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (Apec) to back his protest.

Apec leaders are to hold a summit meeting in November in Subic, 50 miles northwest of Manila. The priest, who has lived in the Philippines for many years, climbed the pylon in nearby Olongapo on Saturday to demand the rerouting of a cable installed to provide back-up power for the meeting.

Father Cullen said the high-tension cable would pass just above a rehabilitation centre he runs for victims of child prostitution and drug addiction and was likely to emit electromagnetic radiation harmful to the children.

The 4ft by 5ft platform on top of the pylon has a cellular telephone, a fax machine and a portable lavatory.

Cuban hardliners launch purge of party reformists

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

CUBA'S Communist Party has declared an "ideological battle" for "revolutionary purity" against dissenters and is targeting reformists within party ranks.

In language worthy of the Cold War at its height, Cuba has warned professionals and academics of an American-inspired plot to undermine the revolution through a "Trojan horse" subterfuge of cultural and intellectual exchanges.

Heads have started to roll in Havana, where officials point to a "fifth column" of academics, researchers and businessmen suspected of being seduced into "unpatriotic" activities by contacts with democracy and capitalism.

The crackdown comes at a time of heightened US-Cuban tension after the shooting down in February of two small civilian planes carrying four Cuban exiles. In retaliation, the US passed a harsh embargo law last month.

Analysts say the intellectual spy-versus-spy crisis is part of a continuing power struggle between Havana's reformers and hardliners. It is also the product of policy divisions in Washington where the anti-Castro lobby has been pushing for tougher sanctions while Clinton Administration aides favoured increased contact with Cuban reformists.

Havana was growing increasingly uneasy over the academic exchanges after an October initiative by the Clinton Administration to boost "people to people" contacts. American officials openly discussed how they hoped this would strengthen the growth of civic groups operating more or less independently of the Communist Party.

For a while Cuba seemed to tolerate it. After the collapse of the state's traditional Soviet bloc benefactors, academics and non-governmental organisations badly needed resources and opportunities to travel and participate in international forums.

☐ **British hotline:** The Government has opened a hotline to help British businesses hit by America's tightening of the Cuban embargo, and is looking at ways to get round the laws (Michael Binyon writes).

Britain has protested forcefully to the Clinton Administration and may challenge the legislation's constitutionality. The Government has begun talks with its European Union partners on the next move, and may report Washington to the World Trade Organisation if it finds the laws contradict US international obligations.

A Department of Trade and Industry policy document says Washington may be drawing up a "hit list" of British companies likely to face a challenge in American courts.

South Korea leader awaits poll in eye of the storm

FROM ROB HUGHES
IN SEOUL

BEFORE 20 million South Koreans get up to vote in today's general election, President Kim Young Sam will already have been up with the dawn, jogging and then swimming in the tranquillity of his official residence in Seoul.

Outside the walls of the Blue House residence, there have been daily bulletins threatening war from the isolated Communist North Korea; there have been student riots after the death, apparently from natural causes, of an activist protesting against government policy; and there are the trials of two former presidents charged with treason and corruption.

The contrast between this and the serenity of the President is explained when you join him for a 6am run. He says that jogging is essential to set up his body and clear his mind for his 12-hour working day dealing with his problems. As a Presbyterian brought up in the Confucian stoic style, President Kim puts the mind-and-body principle to the fore. So do his staff: in the astonishingly well equipped Blue House gymnasium, members of the presidential household and PSS secret security staff exercise in Taekwando, Kendo and a breathing-and-meditation ritual known as Tanjon.

Outside, in daylight, you would not know Seoul was on a war footing. You may meet, around a street corner, members of a riot squad preparing to meet student dissidents, but the street cafés bustle, and life is calm. The people are convinced that the present threats are nothing more than propaganda.

One of President Kim's advisers, Dr Lee Hong Koo, Prime Minister until last December, says there is an antipathy in the country towards politics and politicians. "I am discouraged to find very little enthusiasm from the young," he says. "They think politicians are no good anyway, and we are forecasting the lowest turnout ever."

Dr Lee said that after many years committed to unification between the Koreas, he would prefer to win the bid to host the 2002 football World Cup (the choice for which will be on June 1) rather than today's National Assembly vote. "We have lost a political election before, in 1988, but survived," he said. "But the World Cup is once in a lifetime."

But President Kim said: "Both are equally important. The World Cup would help to change the nation's destiny ... And if we were to defeat Japan for this World Cup, I see no reason to exclude our neighbour in the North. It would give me great pleasure to visit Pyongyang for a football match there. It would be a tremendous contribution to unification."

President Kim, left, jogs with Rob Hughes and an aide

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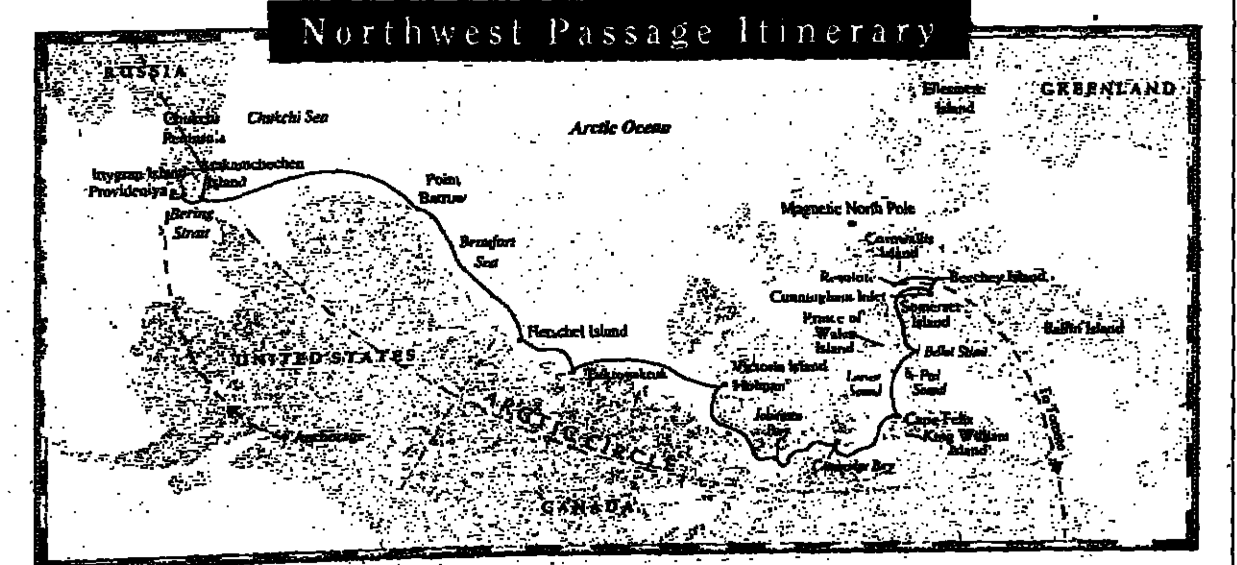

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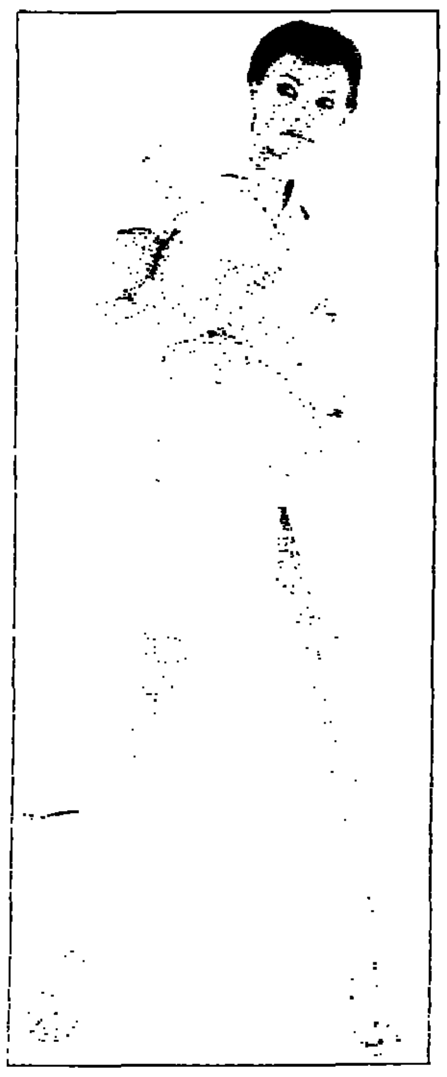

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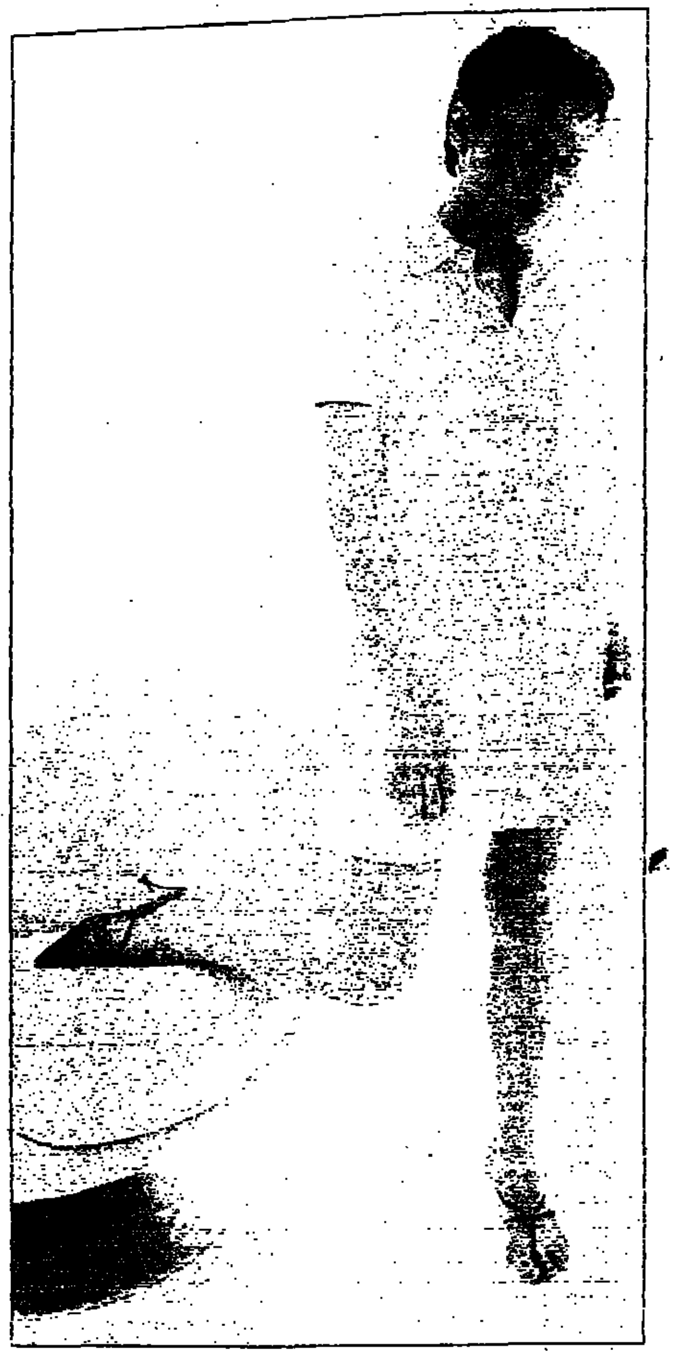

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Smart for the office, smooth for the evening. **Iain R. Webb** on the return of the shirtdress

Each season, one look dominates the round of countless international shows. It encapsulates the moment, becomes the focus of the fashion pack, and is quickly picked up by retailers whose job it is to keep their customers satisfied. A zillion copies soon find their way to a high street store near you. That's the way fashion works.

It was not difficult to spot this season's front-runner when it appeared on the catwalks. The shirtdress was an obvious winner. Everywhere you looked — MaxMara in Milan, Betty Jackson in London, Hermès in Paris and almost every designer in New York — there were girls wearing the straightforward button-through dress popular with American diner waitresses or, a little nearer home, Woolworth's sales assistants. The shirtdress was the popular choice.

So why now? Why should a dress which is little more than a glamorous overall suddenly look right? What makes designers as diverse as Gianni Versace and Ralph Lauren cut their own versions of the shirtdress in fine jersey and shantung silk respectively?

"It's the natural result of minimalism", says Lisa Armstrong, the associate editor of *Vogue*. "It's effortless but still looks smart. We are moving away from the conventional jacket-and-skirt look for work. The shirtdress is a good summer version of the suit."

The shirtdress epitomises the moment: easy chic. Designers in the 1990s offer clothes which are both comfortable and efficient. Pared down to the minimum, the mood is one-stop dressing. The shirtdress now constitutes an outfit in itself. Smart enough to work in the office, smooth enough to take cocktails after six.

Armstrong is keen to point out that the look can, at times, appear dreary and drab. "You have to choose one in a sensual fabric. Jil Sander has a great shirtdress in her collection," she says. "Some of them come in very stiff materials, which is fine if you are young and your friends are going to understand the ironic fashion statement you are making."

The key is to keep the silhouette uncluttered. Finish the look with a metal-link belt, or a shoe-lace thin belt tied casually at the hip.

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Dennis Potter: he had only weeks to live when he told Melvyn Bragg "I can celebrate life"

How Dennis Potter found serenity

Melvyn Bragg recalls his final interview with Britain's leading TV dramatist, who found solace and inspiration in his last days

And so it has come to pass. The programmes will be made as prophesied. There is something in the memory of Dennis Potter which magnetises the biblical.

"Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown, when the sun goes down?" He chanted this in the last interview I did with him two years ago. "When I wake with the blessed in the mansion of rest will there be any stars in my crown?"

Like Potter, I belong to what might be the last English generation saturated in the hymns and psalms and King James's words of English Protestant Christianity, with all the implications of a deep reservoir of guilt and tantalising prospects of a rare understanding beyond ordinary sense.

It was the religious undercurrent which gave that last interview its resonance. The reaction it provoked was unique in my experience as a broadcaster and the letters which cascaded on Dennis in the Forest of Dean, on Michael Grade in his Channel 4 office and on myself were testaments that a connection had been made between the writer and an audience, a connection both raw and direct. The most public and commonplace of mediums had grappled with a most private revelation and called up deeply personal responses.

That could be sensed during the recording of the interview itself. We met at 9am because that was when he had most strength and there was only one shot. And this was precious time stolen from writing those last two plays. It is the plays, of course, which have come to pass — *Karaoke* and *Cold Lazarus*, four episodes of each — to be shown later this month, as he requested in the interview, both on BBC1 and Channel 4.

It must be the first time that anyone has used an interview to secure such a contract. But that was only a small part of it. He brought up the idea of Englishness; he mocked his terrible cancer; he spoke of his father and his failure with his father and the continuation of his father in himself.

Constituency after constituency was conquered. And just by being there he spoke about courage, which he also discussed explicitly, surprised and relieved as he was to discover that his reaction to the certainty of his death finally dissolved a lifelong fear: that he was a physical coward. There were two things above all, though, which to me are inexpungible. The first was his decision to do the interview and to do it in every sense so openly. Open about everything — even the pain.

On that morning he had taken his usual careful allocation of pills, enough to mute the pain but not dull his mind. He wanted a drink to set him up. Champagne. Then there was the black coffee and cigarettes. And finally his silver hip flask of liquid morphine which he needed so badly when suddenly, after about 40 minutes, he jackknifed in agony.

Deliberately, we had made this television studio as bare as we could and the shooting was simple. In that context, Potter's intensity glowed. It lit up the screen with a radiance which only the surly could deny. "At certain points I felt I was flying with it," he said as we finished.

Graham Greene has a passage in an essay to the effect that extreme moments bring out and need clichés. As Dennis and I left the studio which had become something of a confessional, something of a pulpit and a space for self-analysis, one of the cameramen came up to me. There was a feeling between almost giddy exhilaration and stunned realisation that a life was about to be guttered out.

The cameraman said: "That was a bit of history." To judge from the letters and calls and conversations I have had over the past two years, this was a view widely shared. The very fact of it was an event.

> 'Tell Mr Potter he is very brave — he puts us to shame'

The second important thing for me was an aspect of the television interview which has grown stronger as time passes. It was his description of "the nowness".

Knowing for certain that he was to die within a few weeks, he said: "The only thing you know for sure is the present time. The nowness becomes so vivid to me that in a perverse sort of way I am almost serene. I can celebrate life.

"Below my window in Ross, for example, the blossom is out in full. It's a plum tree — it looks like apple blossom but it's white. And instead of saying 'oh, that's nice blossom' looking at it through the window when I am writing, it is the whitest, frothiest, blossomiest blossom that there ever could be."

What he did there, I think, was to privilege those who know they have a short time to live. Such a death sentence can panic you, stupefy you, bring up the feelings of futility latent in us all. It can be seen as a wretched weakened stump end to life, *sans* almost everything.

No, said Potter, it can be the most compelling, the most astonishing passage of life — indeed, those of us who have this knowledge of a certain end are even an elite. "The *nowness* of everything is absolutely wondrous. There's no way of telling you, you have to experience it — the glory of it if you like, the comfort of it, the reassurance."

It is that, I believe, which gave such a sing to so many of the letters, even those I myself received. "Will you tell Mr Potter we think he is very brave and made us feel ashamed of our aches and pains ... excuse this writing, I have bad arthritis." "I feel compelled to write to you and say how privileged I feel to have shared the passion and vulnerability of such an outpouring of a dying man's reflections." "I curse myself for taking things for granted, for self-pitying, for wasting time and at times feeling sorry for myself. I feel it brought me closer to God! Truly there will be stars in his crown. God bless him."

His words spread from the comparatively few who are ill and therefore saw not only an example of fortitude but the philosophy of positive enhanced life, to the many who have great difficulty in living in the moment: in putting aside getting and spending which "lays waste our powers".

Dennis Potter's gift was to grace what in his and similar circumstances is largely regarded as the wasted end of a life, with a conviction and an insight which spoke a truth at least as great as the lengthening of a life — the truth of the quality of the lived experience. He demonstrated it in himself and he articulated it for others.

At the very least, what he did for people, in the full sense of that lovely phrase, was "to give them pause".

"The fact is that if you see the present tense, boy do you see it and boy can you celebrate it!"

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The CSA: strangled at birth

How could the Child Support Agency succeed when all its efforts were opposed and undermined?

Nigella Lawson

It is difficult to react with anything other than lip-curled cynicism to the news — *news?* — that the Child Support Agency (CSA) has been an utter failure. But I can't see how it could have been otherwise. All along the line the CSA has been a complete disgrace: for the fact is, since its very inception it has not been allowed to succeed.

That really is not to put the case *too* strongly. The way all attempts to make men responsible for their children have been undermined is indeed scandalous. The CSA was brought into being in order to bring to book men who had abandoned their families — and was then promptly attacked for doing so. It is widely seen to be vengeful, driven by men-hating vindictiveness and motivated by nothing less than a brutal feminazi agenda.

I find it infinitely tiresome when every debate, every issue is seen as a gender-sensitive one, and every particle of evidence is dissected for its possible inherent sexism. I don't want to join *that* particular sisterhood, but the closing in of some male protectionist racket in all this is undeniable. That can't be ignored, and shouldn't be.

It's not that people try to pull one over that infuriates me, but that they succeed so easily. Single mothers are easy to blame: there aren't that many powerful people ready to stand up for them. Naturally, I am not saying that all single mothers are misunderstood, put-upon creatures who must not be held responsible for their own actions. But — and I'm sorry to cite the jaunty phrasing of our grandparents' generation — it does take two to tango. Anyone would think that the single mother were a case of virgin birth in reverse: she alone is sullied, impure; a self-fertilising devilish whore. Logically, you simply cannot put all the blame of an undesirable conception on one of the parties alone: biology dictates that a sperm and an egg are equally necessary; those who possess the latter cannot be more to blame for a conception than the owners of the former.

That has to be, along with a good many other things, the belief of those who constructed the CSA. Even if you argue that a man who played no part in deciding to have a child, and often was ignorant that he may have fathered one, should not be held accountable at some later date, there was no real disagreement about men who simply left their first families in order to start a second. We all knew where their duties lay. So you'd think. But the ruckus that ensued. Men, it was reported, were having their lives ruined, the children of their second wives were being penalised: this was state-instituted persecution.

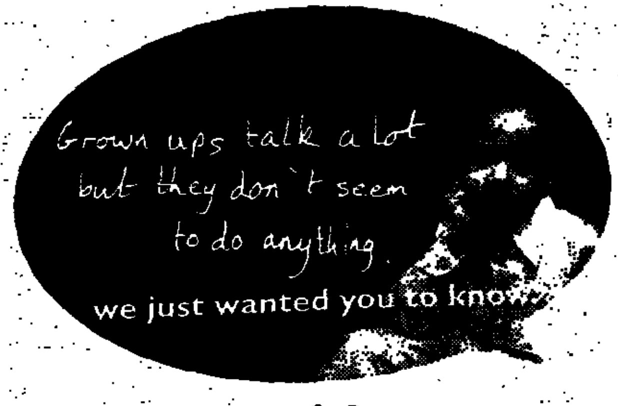
That such nonsense could even be tolerated is ludicrous: a demonstration of second wives and their children marching to Downing Street with placards bemoaning their lot goes beyond satire. I watched these people on television: they actually believed that they were being hard done by. Peeved men said that they had moved on, had a new life, new family and why couldn't the rest of us understand that? But we cannot all be free spirits: we do have obligations, however irritating these may be. Men who bleat about the unfair expense of having to support their children deserve nothing but contempt. Instead they are listened to sympathetically.

> Men who bleat about supporting their children deserve nothing but contempt

Everyone wants to gratify their own desires regardless of what reality demands of them. I read recently an account of a woman who'd married and had a baby with a man who had three children from a previous marriage. When these poor children's mother died and the children had to come and live with her, she complained of being deprived of her life with her husband and their child alone. It is lunatic for a woman to marry a man with three children and expect a life alone with him, as if they didn't exist. Unfortunately, this is how a good many men feel things should be, too. One cannot and should not legislate against people's selfishness, or refuse them the right to their wicked self-delusions, but we really do not want a government agency colluding with them in all of it.

Frank Field, the Labour MP who has attacked the CSA for having, in effect, granted an amnesty to all those men who ignore letters sent to them by the agency, is absolutely right. He wants to recoup money from errant fathers through the tax system. That makes all of us feel nervous — it sounds so coercive, so illiberal — but if the nice cop can't get results maybe it is time for the nasty cop.

At the moment the CSA is not even managing to get one in four of the men it contacts to pay something towards their own children. Yet it is still seen as an ideologically suspect crusading body. It says something about what's really being allowed to go on that any attempt to make men financially responsible for their own children is seen as a desire for revenge rather than justice.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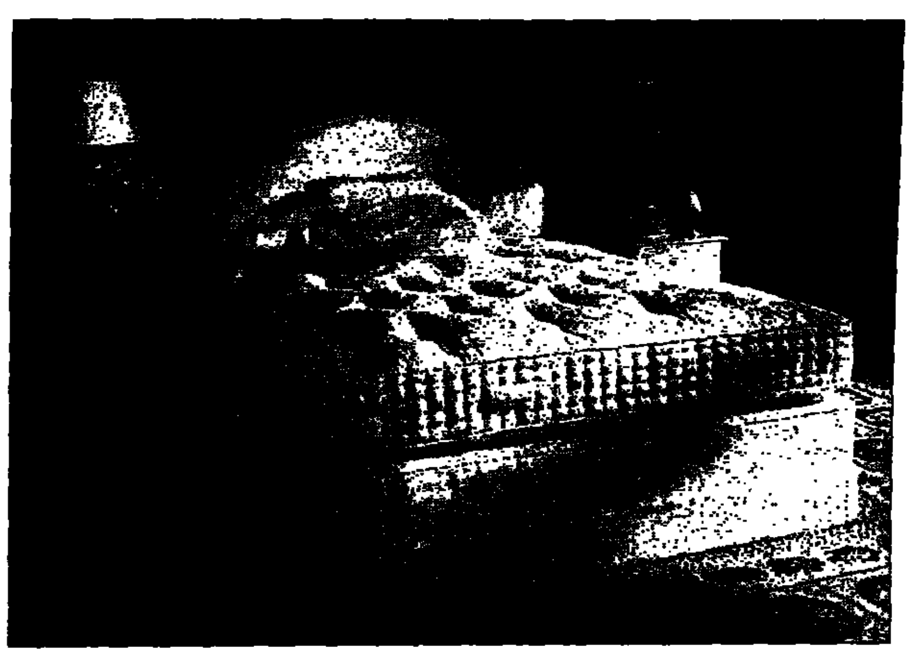

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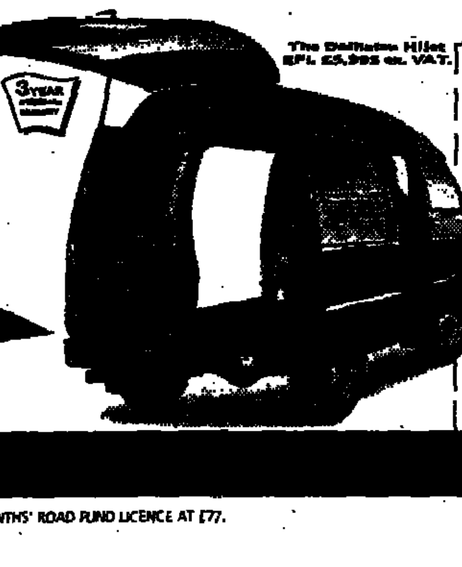

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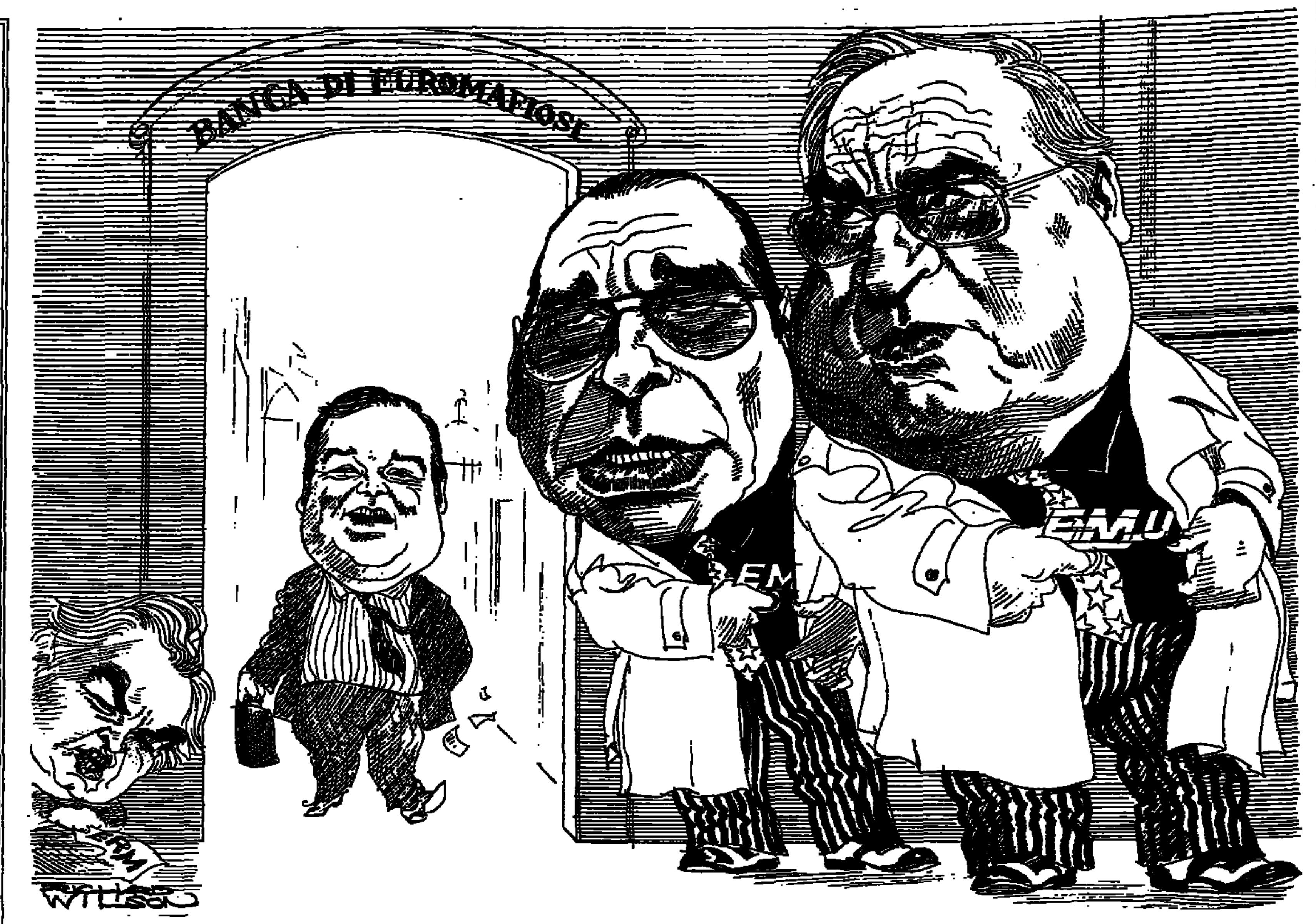
Alan Coren

■ Antiques are old, rare and expensive. But we all have something collectible

As a cutting-edge media guru on constant alert for new TV formats designed to ensure my never having to do an honest day's work again. I can't tell you how excited I am by what came to me, out of the blue, last Sunday. I was lying on my couch in a vacant and pensive mood composed of two parts Vat 69 to one part Hugh Scully banging on about bun-footed Ming chronometers, when there suddenly flashed upon my inward eye a vision of how not merely to pinch but to double the already remarkable audience of 12 million his show enjoys.

My show will be called *The Non-Antiques Road Show™*. It is based on the premise that while only some people are interested in curious things some people have, everybody is interested in curious things everybody has. Our scene now shifts to the head of a five-mile queue.

Punter: I wondered what this was. It goes thunk-thunk-thunk and lurches round the kitchen.
Expert: How long has it been in your family?
Punter: One year, five days, but it has been doing this only five days.
Expert: What did it do before that?
Punter: It did crockery. We thought it was a dishwasher.
Expert: Close. It is in fact a former dishwasher. It is now a tin box. If you'd just help me lean it over so that we can examine the underside, thanks, do you see that little tag? It's called a warranty.
Punter: How interesting! What does it do?
Expert: It ran out five days ago. How much did you pay for the piece?
Punter: £395. We love it for itself, of course, but we did sort of wonder what it would fetch if it came up at auction today.
Expert: Nothing. Next!
Punter 2: I was hoping you could identify this.
Expert: I'm not sure I can. I've never seen anything like it. It appears to be a drawer standing on four vertical shelves, topped by a horizontal door bearing a display of assorted knobs. How did you come by it?
Punter 2: I made it from a kit. The box said it was a sideboard.
Expert: I see. And you followed the instructions?
Punter 2: Yes. They were in Japanese, but my old man was in Changi so he knew the odd word. By the way, it is one of a pair. The other box said it was a bunk-bed, but it came out the same. Are they collectible?
Expert: Only if you tip the binmen. Next!
Punter 3: I was given this as a wedding present. I don't know what it is, but when you put a slice of bread in it, it turns black and goes bang.
Expert: Fascinating! If I were you I'd insure it to the hilt immediately.
Punter 3: Wow! So it's something of special interest, then?
Expert: Only to lawyers. If a guest tried it and got fused to the National Grid, you could be looking at the wrong end of six figures. Next!
Punter 4: My wife and I just moved house, and we were very excited to find this stuck away in the attic. Can you tell me what it is?
Expert: It is an exercise bicycle.
Punter 4: What is it for?
Expert: It is for sticking away in the attic. Next!
Punter 5: My father was a keen gardener, and built up a huge collection of these items which I have just inherited. What are they?
Expert: They are known to the trade as sprinklers. You attach them to a hose, run into the spray, hit them with a stick so that they turn twice, then you go out and buy some more.
Punter 5: Should I hang on to them?
Expert: Only if you want to be hurled across the lawn. Next!
Punter 6: For years we used this to prop open the back door, never imagining it was worth anything, until a friend said he thought it might be Chinese. Is he right?
Expert: Yes. I'm pretty sure it's a crispy duck from, at a guess, the late 1980s. The boom in takeaway food has brought countless rare artefacts to our attention. I recently saw a slice of deep-dish pizza which had been down the side of a sofa since the Royal Wedding. Next!



Say no to a new ERM

At Verona, Clarke should resist the threats of the hard men of Europe's hard core, says **Bernard Connolly**

This Friday, the European Union's finance ministers and central bank governors will meet in Verona "informally". In typical EU fashion, "informals" are where the most important economic decisions are taken, as far away as possible from even the pretence of accountability. The Verona gathering looks likely to be the most explosive since the Bath meeting in September 1992. The common factor is, of course, the dreaded exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), the most perfect instrument ever devised for ruining economies and setting Community countries at each other's throats.

The European Union, said President Chirac of France, must provide itself with a means of "punishing" countries that do not "accept the common discipline" imposed by the establishment of a monetary union among a small group of European countries, the self-elected "hard core" of Germany, France, the Benelux and Austria. What this would mean in practice, if the "hard core" countries (the "ins") get their way, is that the EU countries that do not participate (the "outs") will have to submit instead to a new ERM.

The demands of the "ins" are illuminating. When monetary union was being sold to the uneasy populations of the European countries, it was presented both as the gateway to an economic nirvana and as an indispensible symbol of the fellow-feeling of European peoples. At Verona, we shall see the unpleasant reality behind this most pernicious of all Euro-myths.

The "ins" are afraid that if other countries retain the freedom to manage monetary policy in their own interest they will be at an advantage. The "ins" talk of discriminatory trade measures or even fines being imposed on "outs" that refuse to join a new ERM. They are signalling that life outside the euro might turn out to be life in the comfort zone, not out in the cold: monetary union is not so much a two-speed process as a two-class system.

Some countries are more equal than others. For the self-electing oligarchy of Single Currency Farm, the Union's interest means their interest, or at least their misguided conceptions of their interest. They are prepared to pursue it even at the expense of further damaging any sense of legality and fairness in the way the EU operates, of destroying the Single Market and of abandoning the stated underlying objectives of the EU.

Why should potential "outs" agree at Verona to a new mechanism? The so-called "southern periphery" — Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece — unwisely wants to participate in a single currency as soon as the hard core will allow. This will probably turn out to be never: the "ins" would be much happier to maintain indefinitely a mark II ERM which allowed them to dictate the monetary and economic policies of the southern countries than to allow them into, in effect, a political union. But the hope, however naive and misguided, that they might someday be granted entry to the inner circle is likely to make the southern countries jump when they are told to jump. If ever reason prevailed, the whip of a drastic reduction in EU handouts will be cracked when the EU's financial settlement (the "Delors II" package) comes up for renegotiation in 1998.

Britain and Sweden are in a very different position. In both countries, government heavyweights want to be part of the single currency, but their populations are dead against it. Neither government can openly appeal to desire for future monetary union as an excuse for acceding to hard-core demands. And neither country can be threatened by an amputation of EU transfer payments: indeed they would benefit from it, since they pay far more into the Euro-coffers than they get out (BSE or no).

Would they, then, be breaking any EU laws or agreements if they refused to join up for the "common discipline" of a new ERM? On the face of it, the answer is "no". For that we have to thank Norman Lamont, who, according to his account of the Maastricht negotiations, headed off an attempt by John Major and Douglas Hurd to have ERM membership made legally binding. But Maastricht stipulates that the "outs" have to treat their exchange rates as a matter of common interest (no similar obligation is imposed on the "ins"). And a one article obliges member countries to facilitate the EU's tasks and to avoid any action that could jeopardise the Union's objectives, including the single currency.

The "ins" will try to interpret these two articles, however dubiously, as requiring the "outs" to manage their monetary policies and exchange rates for the benefit of the "ins". Since some of the more obvious candidates for "out" status are the EU's poorer countries, that interpretation runs counter to the underlying objectives of "solidarity" and "social cohesion". The interpretation would also involve macroeconomic instability and difficulties in structural improvement for the "outs", running counter to the treaty's objectives of sustainable and non-inflationary growth, convergence of economic performance, a high level of employment and raised standards of living.

Unfortunately, a common-sense reading of the treaty will cut no ice with the hard men of the hard core. They will claim, in the face of a wide contrary consensus among economists, that the Single Market cannot operate properly if there are movements among the EU currencies. (This argument, incidentally, was not made when the Single Market programme was being agreed: instead, it was conveniently "discovered" as soon as the signatures were on the 1986 treaty revision required for the implementing legislation.)

It is this specious argument that will be used to justify the threat of trade sanctions and fines against Britain. Yet there is no provision within the treaty for the whole central thrust of the Common Market, as the EU was once reassuringly known. This seems to be of little moment in hard-core eyes. But sanctions would require a treaty revision — opening the Pandora's box of re-ratification that France, more than any other country, is afraid of. And tinkering with Britain's net EU contribution would require the approval of Parliament, something that would surely never be forthcoming, whether before or after a general election.

If Kenneth Clarke has the guts — and if he really wants to do so — he can simply refuse to play ball at Verona. More likely, however, the British Government will try to avoid a stand-off. It is well known that Clarke will argue for the maintenance of Britain's present inflation-targeting approach to economic management. But it has also been reported that Britain will offer to have its policies and performance monitored by the EU — in effect by the Commission acting on behalf of the "ins".

The judgment that would be applied would certainly not take Britain's interest as its basis. After all, Belgium's Finance Minister, Philippe Maystadt, one of the fiercest proponents of a discriminatory approach, recently proclaimed that the point of monetary union was to prevent "an encroachment of Anglo-Saxon values" in Europe. The real fear of the hard core, hidden behind the twisted rhetoric about preserving the Single Market, is that Britain will become *too* successful an exemplar of a free-market economic model that has little in common with the Rhineland model underlying the EU.

Accepting an increased degree of EU influence over Britain's economic policies would therefore be economically damaging to the country. Even worse, it would represent a cession of national sovereignty on a par with that of the secret Treaty of Dover in 1670, when Charles II accepted handouts from Louis XIV in return for a commitment to tailor English foreign policy to suit French interests. The Glorious Revolution, enshrining parliamentary sovereignty as protector of the national interest, followed soon after in the brief reign of Charles's successor.

A reassertion of national and parliamentary sovereignty is urgently needed in response to the ever-increasing encroachments of the Maastricht treaty. For that treaty itself revolutionised the EU. It enshrined the supposed Community interest (for which read the Franco-German interest, the bureaucratic interest and the corporatist interest) as separate from and higher than the pursuit by the member states of national interests.

It is for that reason that Verona — even if, against all the indications, Kenneth Clarke is prepared to tough it out — can at best be no more than a holding operation. Britain must rethink the philosophy it embraced, albeit with distaste, at Maastricht. The one virtue of the "ins and outs" debate may be to make that clear to everyone.

Simon Jenkins is away

An end to child sex tourism

Britain must act, **Rachel Campbell-Johnston** writes

A former Australian ambassador has been charged with sex offences committed against children while overseas. His arrest draws urgent attention to one of the most submerged social problems of the modern world. Child prostitution is a brutish trade in human life. It is ruthlessly legislated against in Britain, but sex tourists can travel abroad to Asia, Latin America, Africa and former communist bloc countries to feed their tastes. This dehumanising industry thrives in the developing world like some perverse travesty of colonisation.

Children from impoverished rural families are lured to the cities only to be ensnared in debt by prostitution syndicates. At risk of violence and disease, they are obliged to engage in activities which they are too young to choose freely. Often they are beaten, starved and drugged into passivity.

The extent of this industry is, of course, hard to monitor, but higher estimates are vertiginous: some 200,000 Nepalese children have been sold into sexual slavery in India; in Thailand perhaps as many as a quarter of a million children work in brothels; in Colombia one third of all prostitutes are thought to be under the age of 14.

It is a cause of national shame that the British should be among the worst offenders. The Government is backing a Private Member's Bill to make it an offence to organise sex tours involving children. It had its second successful Commons reading on February 2 and is to go on to the report stage later this month. Paedophile tour operators could face the sternest sentences.

We should welcome this Bill as a first step. But its implementation, involving as it does the extension of existing conspiracy laws, will present formidable difficulties. Offending tour operators have already fled underground, spreading information through the Internet and under-the-counter magazines. Even if they are brought to trial, it will be practically impossible to pin upon them direct responsibility for the actions of their clients. Besides, paedophiles intent on sex tend to act in isolation, slipping unnoticeably into the mass of holidaymakers on the move. What Britain really needs is a further, more stringent law targeting the abusers themselves.

At present, British authorities are restricted to assisting with information and extraditing paedophiles suspected of crimes abroad. But in March last year, Lord Hylton introduced a Private Member's Bill in the House of Lords which would make it possible to try offenders in British courts. Similar legislation is already on the statute books in the United States, Australia, Germany, France, Sweden and Norway.

The British Government, however, is reluctant to follow suit. It is prudently wary of interfering with the laws of other nations, or setting a precedent in extraterritorial jurisdiction. What if other countries took this as their model? Would we approve of fundamentalist Islamic governments bringing cases against their own nationals who were known to have got drunk while on holiday over here?

Mounting a feasible case would prove both complicated and expensive. Bringing witnesses to court, for instance — a key requirement of English law — is not simple when an offence is committed overseas, and even less so where children are involved. Minors cannot simply be transplanted into an alien culture for the duration of a trial and then returned home, most especially in cases where they risk the retribution of former employers. If legislation were to be ineffective, it could also be severely counterproductive, deterring foreign governments from action.

But the presence of obstacles cannot justify inaction. Britain already has extraterritorial legislation for war crimes and genocide, and sexual offences against children could be considered as grave an infringement of human rights as these. Options of escape should be closed to nationals who, convicted abroad, slip loose by bribing officials or jumping bail. Indeed, considering that countries such as the Philippines are now threatening to impose the death sentence on child abusers, a British trial sounds more humane.

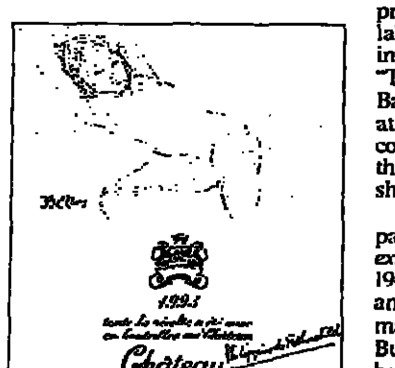
The appointment of more police liaison officers (already stationed in many countries for the drugs trade) to monitor child abuse, coupled with the use of video evidence and the cross-questioning of witnesses over live satellite link, can overcome many of the specific evidence laws. The Swedes have shown that such legislation can work. They brought a successful case against one of their nationals last year, and aid agencies have since noticed a marked decline in the number of Swedes abusing children abroad.

In August a world congress on the sexual exploitation of children is to be held in Stockholm. Britain ought to send a high-level delegation, able to make commitments on its behalf. There is much that the Government could do to goad the reluctant developing world into prosecuting paedophiles. The police database on paedophiles could, with proper safeguards, be made available to prosecuting authorities. Aid programmes could be extended to offer imaginative alternatives to communities living off the prostitution earnings of their children. Political pressure could be exerted on those who receive its tourists to ensure that they do not disgrace their country. It is the least the world's children are entitled to expect.

THE TIMES DIARY

Gripe water

BARONESS Philippine de Rothschild, châtelaine of one of the finest wine-houses in France, has fallen victim to political correctness. She has been forced to change the label on a prize vintage of Château Mouton Rothschild because American consumers have objected to the fruity little picture it sports of a naked young girl.



The vintage wine label, but not as America will see it

The labels on more than 30,000 bottles of the 1993 vintage (estimated value: £60 per bottle) destined for the United States have been ripped off to be replaced with nondescript versions without the girl.

The Baroness, who commissioned the picture by the Swiss-based artist Balthus, is said to be flummoxed by this American prudery. As I reported when the label was launched last year, she is intensely proud of its sensuality. "The fragile and mysterious girl Balthus has drawn seems to hint at some secret promise of undiscovered pleasure," she gushed at the time. "A pleasure to be shared."

Mouton Rothschild has invited painters to decorate its *vin extraordinaire* every year since 1945. Dali, Miró, Chagall, Bacon and even Warhol all daubed their marks on the Baroness's bottles. But never before has any artist been considered too earthy for the palates of crusty oenophiles.

● *A Middle Eastern farmer has offered the Queen four of his best camels, to replace any herds of cattle destined for slaughter. Ahmed al-Hiswah has informed a Yemen newspaper that camel is the ideal alternative for shoppers worried about "mad cow" disease. "Camel steaks are lean, tender, full of vitamins, and free of chemicals and hormones," he explains.*

Unflagging

EURO-SCEPTICS are rejoicing at Conservative Central Office in Westminster: the Union Jack has been raised after a seven-year gap. In 1989, Kenneth Baker replaced the red, white and blue with a new party flag sporting the dreadful limp-wristed torch. This has always grated with deputy chairman Michael Trend, the MP for Windsor, and he has at last struck.

Armed with evidence from a recent survey of membership which showed that Conservatives favoured greater use of the Union Jack, he stormed into the chairman's office, deployed grassroots sentiment, and in a lightning coup gained the necessary authority. The Baker torch is now confined to the dusty shelves where it belongs.

● *The debates at the Cambridge Union next term have taken on a saucy tone. Along with "This House enjoys Pornography", there will be an Ann Summers night in the chamber. Attendance will be limited strictly to ladies.*

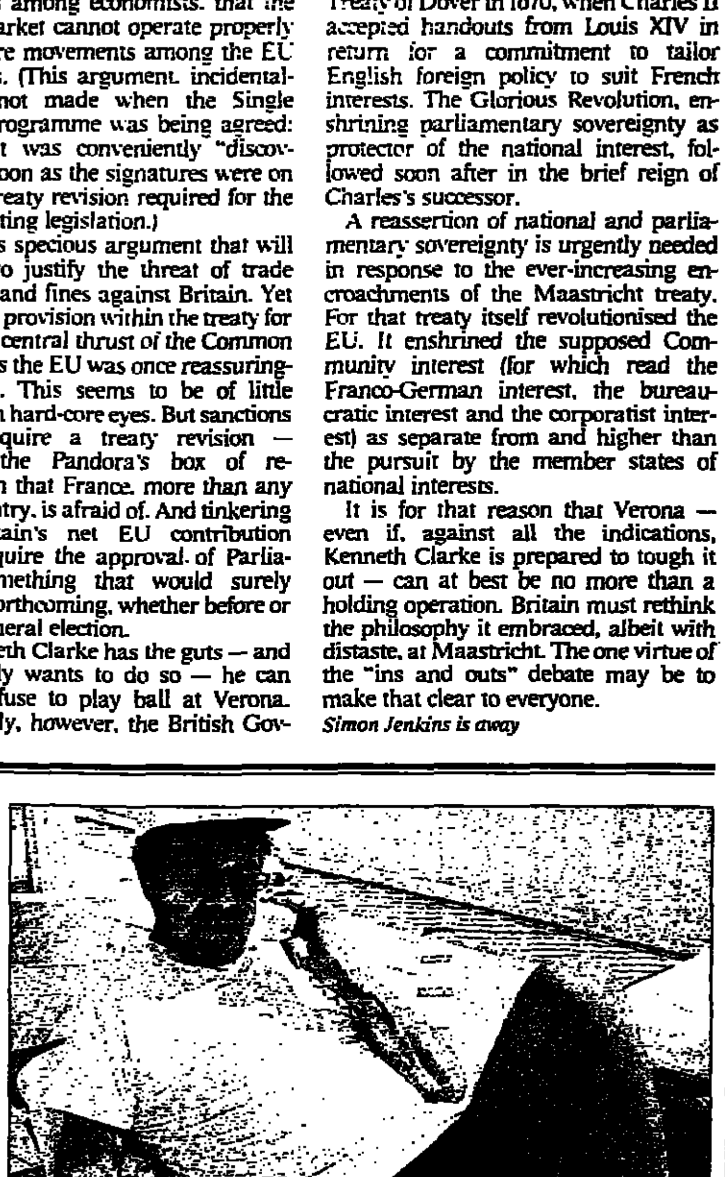
Knives out

AN UGLY rumour is doing the rounds in the kitchens of Soho. Two of the angriest young men in London, Marco Pierre White and Damien "pickler" Hirst, are said to be teaming up to launch their own restaurant.

I'm told that the chef and the artist have their sights set on a Soho establishment called Leoni's Quo Vadis, although Marco Pierre White was noncommittal yesterday. "I cannot pass comment," he said. Should rumour become fact, diners will surely be surrounded by pickled farm animals.

Leg men

IF THE Princess of Wales thinks she is having a hard time over her legs, she should try being an American presidential candidate. In Washington, talk of legs has put Tony Blair's sightseeing trip in the shade.



Senator Bob Dole stripped and ready for political action

Last week Senator Bob Dole, the likely Republican candidate, who has kept his pins well covered since an ill-advised appearance on a treadmill last year, showed them off while relaxing in Bal Harbour, Florida. Wearing a casual T-shirt over a richly-fed belly, the 72-year-old opted for the skimpiest of shorts to reveal a pair of "gams" far superior to President Clinton's gelatinous thighs.

Dole's team is claiming a triumph. "We've had nothing but compliments," says his spokesman Clarkson Hine. "And as for those shorts, they are perfectly appropriate for someone as physically fit as Senator Dole." The President's advisers, meanwhile, have advised him to wear tracksuit bottoms when jogging.

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WALK SOFTLY

Ulster needs firm policing but sensitive politics

The stifled drums from south Belfast sound a warning for peace in Ulster. The unfortunate scenes of violence between loyalist marchers and the Royal Ulster Constabulary this week do not augur well for the difficult months ahead. The Protestant marching season coincides with the preparations for elections to Northern Ireland's peace convention. If Ulster is to avoid a descent into communal violence then a mixture of delicacy and resolution will be required to maintain public order and sustain political progress.

There were mercifully few casualties in the rioting on Monday night but the expression of loyalist frustration was far more strident than even pessimists expected. The marchers may have argued that they were asserting their traditional rights. Certainly, unlike the republicans who met in Londonderry the day before, the Apprentice Boys do not march for armed rebellion against elected governments. Even so, the RUC was right to prevent them proceeding.

Since the end of the IRA ceasefire republicans have restricted their bombing to the British mainland. If, as many suspect, the IRA is looking for an excuse to extend its campaign to Ulster, a loyalist parade through a Roman Catholic area on the 80th anniversary of the Easter Rising could have provided one. The marchers, like the other citizens of the United Kingdom, must occasionally accept the curtailment of their liberties in an effort to contain terror.

Many of the traditional marches this season may pass without incident but it is likely that there will be other even more fraught confrontations. In July, the Orangemen of Portadown will attempt to walk the route that culminated last year in the scenes of civil unrest now known as the siege of Drumcree. It was David Trimble's willingness to stand up for his constituents' rights then that helped to propel him to leadership of the Ulster Unionist Party. Mr Trimble will be at the march again this year, but now there is a darker mood.

Tensions among the working-class loyalist communities of Ulster appear even greater than last year. Although the framework documents on Ulster's future had aroused Unionist fears of a weakening of the Province's position within the UK, the IRA ceasefire was in place and republicans had to hand over weapons before they could enter talks. Now, although mainstream Unionism has more open, attractive and assertive leaders in David Trimble and the avowedly non-sectarian North Down independent, Robert McCartney, there are worrying signs. The IRA's resumption of violence has profoundly unsettled the Unionist majority. Loyalist paramilitaries, particularly in mid-Ulster around Portadown, are restive. Moreover, the perception exists among Unionists that a fixed date for talks and a softer line from some on arms decommissioning are concessions to republicans.

Ulster's Unionist majority requires reassurance. A firm line on policing should be accompanied by a political stance sensitive to Unionist fears. Proposals from Dublin that the IRA might be enticed into another tactical ceasefire with the prospect of separating political talks and progress on decommissioning should be unambiguously opposed. Softening would unsettle Unionists without satisfying the IRA.

Republican rhetoric at the weekend suggests that the IRA will continue its campaign, calculating that elections in Ireland and Britain will deliver more pliable administrations. The best hope remains, as always, in a commitment to stable and accountable rule in Ulster and the best route lies through respect for democratic principles. If the Government gives forth an uncertain sound, the angry beat of the loyalist drum is likely to get louder.

GO WEST, YOUNG MEN

British politics looks to America for inspiration

Tony Blair arrives in New York today at the start of a high-profile visit to the United States. John Redwood left for Washington yesterday. The purposes of the two trips are somewhat different. Mr Redwood's aim is to burnish the intellectual credibility of the Conservative 2000 Foundation with which he is associated. Mr Blair, playing the part of *Prime Minister in waiting*, hopes for blanket coverage of the Bill-and-Tony show.

But Mr Blair will also be acknowledging the debt that new Labour owes the Democratic Party. On economics, the importance of education and innovations in welfare and training, both he and Gordon Brown have borrowed openly from the Clinton Administration, especially Robert Reich, the current Labour Secretary.

Labour is hardly alone in its fascination with things American. For all the easy assumptions that the special relationship is irrelevant to the post-Cold War world, America remains the place to which British politicians flock for new notions. Michael Howard's controversial law and order initiatives — built around the principle of extended mandatory minimum sentences — comes fresh from California and the American "three strikes and you're out" laws.

Thatcherites look longingly to Newt Gingrich and the Republican majority in the House of Representatives for policy renewal; this is Mr Redwood's fourth visit to Washington since leaving the Cabinet. A Conservative defeat at the next general election, coupled with the return of a Republican Congress, would start a stampede towards such ideas among aspirants for John Major's crown. Even Paddy Ashdown seems enamoured by Mr Gingrich's example, the Republican *Contract with America* concept having reappeared here as the "Liberal Democrat Guarantee".

America is not alone in offering inspiration. Conservatives have enthused about public sector reform in New Zealand, while Mr Blair has, at least until the recent departure of Paul Keating, been obviously intrigued by Australian policies. Singapore apparently tempts him. All of these places are even further from Europe than the United States.

Labour Party thinkers used to look to Germany on economic philosophy and to Sweden for a social welfare model. Fourteen years of Christian Democrat dominance in Bonn and the continued dire state of the Social Democrats there have cooled Labour's interest in Germany, while the economic bankruptcy of the Swedish model has ended its infatuation with the Swedes.

The reasons for American influence are not difficult to explain. A highly dynamic society composed of 50 states and numerous large cities is a laboratory for government. American universities dominate global social science research, as they do the natural sciences. Their work is supplemented by hundreds of think-tanks backed by a vast private philanthropic practice that is the envy of those attempting similar studies in London. The power of ideas is not, however, the sole explanation. Comparable political systems, shared historical experience and the enormous advantage of a common language continue to matter, as the interest in Australia, New Zealand, and even Singapore confirm. It has become fashionable to assume that post-Maastricht, British politics has become "Europeanised"; but the trade in ideas has never relied solely or even primarily on geographical proximity.

OAT CUISINE

Bring on the horse-radish and serve

"I am a great eater of beef, and I believe that does harm to my wit," declared Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Modern Britain is just discovering the wisdom in his buffoonery. A slaughterman spotting a new beef-averse market is opening what he claims to be the first British butcher's shop to specialise exclusively in horsemeat. At Cheval Butchers in Smethwick, Bob Walker will offer the best cuts of horseflesh for as little as 20p a pound for the cheaper cuts — the saddle perhaps — and 80p for the best.

Mr Walker is merely revitalising an old trade in this country. During the Second World War, business was brisk for this unrationed meat. In 1947 around 19,000 horses were slaughtered for human consumption. Horseflesh continued to grace British menus for several more years, a consequence of tractors displacing working horses.

Cart-horses were regarded as the tastiest bargains, followed by Irish vanners, circus ponies and Shetland ponies. Their lean, stringy meat is low in fat and high in protein. Its sweetish taste — caused by the high starch content of muscle tissue — is offset by onions. The French, and even more the Belgians, know that. Give him diced steak de cheval, a few kilos of potatoes and a saucepan of sauerkraut and that dull glutton, the average Hercule, glows with gustatory anticipation. But could the British beef-eater again become a chevalier? Every nation enjoys its peculiar provender. Eskimos suck on the eyes of seals. Eritreans crunch locusts as a chitinous snack, guinea-pigs vanish down Peruvian gullets and Romanies prickle their palates with hedgehog.

In earlier ages the British too were adventurous trenchermen. Ben Jonson, inviting a friend to his mirthful board, proffered every avian delicacy from godwit and knot to rail and ruff. But in a more modern age, even as emu and ostrich are promoted by British butchers, a squeamish sentimentality stops us feasting on our more familiar fauna.

Jonson's coney is rapidly disappearing from the shops as a generation brought up embracing rabbits puts up dewy-eyed protest. Jodhpured daughters would as soon see their mother in the pot as their pet pony. Yet Britons are pragmatists. Suffering the pangs of Antarctic hunger, Scott wolfed down his pack horses one by one. Baden Powell, besieged in Mafeking, discovered more ways than one to cook a cat.

Fortunately, despite BSE, today's situation is not quite that drastic. But unwanted or injured horses are chopped up for dog food every day. We might learn to eat horse again ourselves, if it were marketed better. The first challenge is the name. Just as we adopted Norman derivations for our other meats — beef comes from *boeuf* and mutton from *mouton* — so the Anglo-Saxon horse, when served at table, could be known as cheval. It will be a welcome addition to our diet and a fresh challenge to our galloping gourmets. *Hors d'oeuvres* may never mean quite the same thing again.

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'Fudge' on prejudice in the Forces

From Mr Paul Stephenson

Sir, The order issued by the commanding officer of the Household Cavalry that every member of that regiment must attend race relations classes as part of his training (report, March 29) is welcome as far as it goes.

However, it must come as a bitter disappointment to many black personnel presently in the Armed Forces that the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) has shown no immediate intention of acting swiftly and decisively to curb further the acts of racial discrimination which their own investigation has proved to be widespread throughout the British Army (report, March 28, later editions).

As a black former senior executive officer with the CRE, experience has taught me that monitoring aspects of racism and discrimination to detect behaviour and equality of opportunity has little impact on actually changing patterns and culture of racist behaviour within large institutions. The NHS, Civil Service and police forces have been monitoring their personnel within the confines of equal opportunities for years but have hardly dented patterns of widespread racism in those institutions.

The CRE's decision to leave discretionary powers to senior officers in the Armed Forces in dealing with initial complaints of discrimination is hardly likely to increase the confidence of black personnel when making a complaint against their colleagues or indeed in the whole complaints procedure.

The efforts used by the Prince of Wales in trying to influence the elite Guards regiments to accept black soldiers on equal terms into their ranks proved disastrous, in that Guardsman Richard Stokes, on whom Prince Charles had focused his attention, felt forced to leave the Grenadier Guards after three years (report, July 14, 1990), apparently through lack of support against racism and racist threats and bullying.

I suggest that the CRE should now step up its campaign for the right of black service personnel to independently take their complaints to industrial tribunal, as in the case of serving police officers. At the same time, it should issue the MoD with a non-discrimination notice, making clear its determination to enforce it.

Monitoring is not enough to overcome entrenched patterns of racist behaviour and the cultural attitudes that underpin such behaviour. If the CRE settles for monitoring as a first weapon, it will be seen by large sections of Britain's ethnic minority population as at best a fudge or at worst a farce.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL STEPHENSON,
12 Downs Park East,
Westbury Park, Bristol.
April 2.

From Mr David Allen

Sir, Sue Cameron, in her article on the culture of the Armed Forces ("A new model ministry", March 27), draws an important distinction between the response of the Chiefs of Staff to homophobia on the one hand ("there is a good chance that the European Court of Human Rights will overturn the ban") and to racism on the other ("the start of a real drive to change attitudes").

The MoD's ban on homosexuals serving in the Armed Forces promotes homophobia amongst service personnel. It is not surprising then that its review found that the majority of personnel do not wish homosexuals to serve in the Armed Forces (report, March 5). The Government's response is to reinforce this homophobia by recommending that the ban should therefore stay.

Yet when the Commission for Racial Equality finds that our Armed Forces are racist (reports, March 28, later editions, and March 29), the Government announces steps to combat the situation.

Here, it seems to me, is a clear case of double standards: discrimination is discrimination, whether against gays or coloured people.

Former servicemen and women dismissed for their homosexuality will now have to rely on the European courts to ensure that a civilised government cannot discriminate against any single class of its citizens. The cost to taxpayers in compensation for the MoD's blatant homophobia will be enormous.

Yours,
DAVID ALLEN
(Vice-Chairman, Tory Campaign
for Homosexual Equality),
34 Summerland Grange,
Summerland Gardens, N10.
April 3.

Blasphemy law

From Mr Roy Edey

Sir, The Archbishop of York's letter (March 29) on the law of blasphemy, which is being challenged in the European Court of Human Rights (report, March 26), reviews a subject which should have been tackled by Parliament since 1979.

In February that year the House of Lords upheld the convictions obtained by Mary Whitehouse against the editor and publishers of a magazine called *Gay News*. Their Lordships expressed concern that other recognised faiths were not similarly protected by law.

In 1989 Mr Abdul Hussain Choudhury sought to lay information before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate against the author and publishers of *The Satanic Verses*. He alleged blasphemous libel against Allah. The refusal to grant a summons was upheld by the High Court (Law Report, April 10, 1990).

It is necessary for the protection of society to have criminal sanctions against an insult so grave to one's faith that it is likely to cause a breach of the peace. The law should be changed. All recognised faiths should be protected from religious discrimination or incitement to religious hatred.

Such legislation would be along the lines of the race-protection laws which have been on the statute book for many years.

Yours faithfully,
ROY EDEY,
Lower Flat, Field House North,
West Street, Harrow, Middlesex.
April 3.

Teaching and learning

From Dr Frank Beavington

Sir, Dr Gold (letter, April 2) states "teaching and learning at the new universities (former polytechnics) was probably always of a higher standard than at the older universities because . . . they were principally teaching institutions".

However, teachers who are active in research can communicate their enthusiasm for work being done nationally and internationally at the frontiers of knowledge adding greatly to the value of their courses, especially at second and third year degree level.

Yours faithfully,
F. BEAVINGTON,
Church Farm House, Ryarsh, Kent.
April 3.

Standards at the bench

From Mr Alfred Finer, JP

Sir, Should not the whole of the magistracy (letters, March 27, April 3) be reorganised on a stipendiary basis? It would ensure more speed, more efficiency, less cost, less back-stabbing and a professional approach.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED FINER,
23 Highview Gardens, Finchley, N3.
April 3.

Marketing speak

From Mr Christopher Harris

Sir, I am perennially amused and irritated by the glib flimflam that marketing people use to extract vast sums of money out of otherwise intelligent company executives.

Your story (Media and Marketing, April 3) about Pepsi's $500 million change of image is a stark example of the profitability of well-packaged psycho-babble.

For example, we are told that Pepsi's change of script from italic to upright subliminally conveys the message that the drink is "confident" and "stands on its own two feet". Leaving aside the fact that the name is printed sideways, what possible evidence can there be for this asinine assertion?

This sort of thing is on a par with graphology and physiognomy, two other pseudo-sciences that lack a shred of empirical proof.

We should be grateful to the author of the article for mocking, albeit mildly, the efforts of these silly people. But the question remains: why do corporate decision-makers fall for this sort of thing?

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER HARRIS,
17 Rookwood Court,
Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.
April 4.

Burma and tourism

From Mr Paul Strachan

Sir, Your report (earlier editions, April 6) on slave labour in Burma was derived from an organisation called the Burma Action Group (BAG) whose members advise people not to visit Burma to see things for themselves. In fact, the country is enjoying peace and prosperity for the first time since the Japanese marched in in 1942.

Corvée labour does exist as it has done in Burma for over a millennium. With a barter economy in rural areas, the traditional form of taxation is in the form of labouring on public works projects. It is a requirement that if a household cannot pay a basic poll tax then one member must give up two weeks a year to work on such projects.

Without this system of civic contribution the Irrawaddy valley would be unirrigated and the people long ago disappeared from hunger. I have witnessed corvée labour used on tourist-related projects. I am a Burmese speaker and have talked closely with the villagers concerned and have found no evidence of "abuse and suffering" or the "many people who have lost their lives" as BAG suggest.

Such scaremongering will only hurt the ordinary Burmese people who look forward to Visit Myanmar Year as an opportunity for betterment. If camcorder-wielding tourists had been in Rangoon in 1988 the soldiers might not have fired. Tourists make nasty regimes behave. The forced isolation that BAG advocate would only return Burma to its former Albanian state, where human rights most certainly would not flourish.

Sincerely,
PAUL STRACHAN
(Managing Director),
Irrawaddy Flotilla Company,
Ancaster Business Centre,
Cross Street, Callander, Midland.
April 8.

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Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Blair's blend of faith and politics

From the Reverend Michael Windridge

Sir, In his *Sunday Telegraph* interview (report and leading article, April 8), Tony Blair claimed that his former leader, John Smith, epitomised the decency of the Scottish Presbyterian tradition. I'm sure he is right in that judgment.

As someone who had the privilege of working at close quarters with another party leader, Margaret Thatcher, during the 1987 general election campaign, I hope that Mr Blair's generosity of spirit will extend across the political divide, and allow that the former Prime Minister's Christian faith, similarly, lies at the heart of both her own continuing sense of public service and duty, and also motivates the many kindnesses she expresses in her personal dealings.

Significantly, an increasing number of my clergy colleagues in the Church of England, and a growing proportion of members of its parish congregations, find little sympathy with, and even less charity for, anyone who supports the principles of modern Conservatism. This goes beyond mere political hostility: their handshake of peace and understanding is extended only so far as what their left-of-centre consciences dictate is the exact centre ground. Beyond that, to the right, dwell the political untouchables.

The contemporary Church of England may be a broad-based church in its commendable preparedness to welcome more varied patterns of liturgical expression. But, when it comes to the party political debate, I believe a declining number of its members are open-minded enough to examine the legitimacy of Conservative economic and social beliefs. So preoccupied have they been in their excoriation of Conservative policies and politicians over the last decade, that the established Church has given scant theological attention, either in public prayer or in intellectual study, to assessing and affirming the wealth-creating components of our competitive international market economy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is reported to have declined to remark on Mr Blair's views. I hope he will make it plain, publicly, that there is still room in today's Church of England for Christians who believe in the spontaneous forces of society and the inability of governments to determine human destiny.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WINDRIDGE,
Ferndene,
Broaden Lane, Hempnall, Norfolk.
April 9.

From Mr Dominic Hobson

Sir, Philosophically, Mr Blair wants to have it both ways. He wants to be the liberal-relativist who does not force his opinions on anyone else, respects other faiths, relishes religious plurality, is baffled by sectarianism and refuses to decide whether Judas, Pontius Pilate and Saint Peter were either good or bad. But he also wants to be the socialist-authoritarian who imposes a common set of values: "Unless boundaries are set and agreed, and judgments of good and bad made," he writes, "society cannot function well or fairly."

This contradiction bedevils all modern liberal thinking, and it would be unreasonable to expect a mere politician to resolve it. But we are entitled to ask which Mr Blair is likely to predominate in office. The *Sunday Telegraph* article suggests that it will be the socialist authoritarian. Mr Blair appears to be blind to the possibility that self-interested actions can benefit society, and to equate individualism with greed; people are of "equal" rather than unique worth; individuals have relationships not with each other but with "society" or "the community" or "the common good".

Most importantly, Mr Blair seems to think that we can fulfil our duty towards each other only through the political system, not through personal or corporate giving. By robbing people of the money to make choices the State diminishes personal responsibility and moral opportunity.

Despite the redundancy of such terms today Mr Blair persists in describing himself as a figure of the Left rather than of the Right. This canard surely cannot survive the revelation that he has now attracted the support even of the Archdeacon of York.

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC HOBSON,
62 Manchuria Road,
Battersea, SW11.
April 9.

From the Director of the Conservative Christian Fellowship

Sir, Your editorial warns of the dangers of bringing the Bible into politics. I would agree, and it is certainly true that the Bible does not give clear guidance on a lot of socio-economic issues raised by Mr Blair in his controversial interview.

It does give clear guidance on some issues, however, including abortion and homosexuality. The biblical messages are tough in these respects and do not have to be party political, but I would suggest that claims to a superior understanding of scripture from the modern Labour and Liberal Democrat parties, when they are so dominated by political correctness, must be very dubious.

Humanity is humbled by the need for Jesus's death on the Cross — politicians no less so. Any Christian in politics must treat opponents with love and charity therefore, but the way that the message should be delivered does not change the nature of the message.

Yours sincerely,
TIM MONTGOMERIE,
Director,
Conservative Christian Fellowship,
12b Widecombe Court,
Lyttelton Road, N2.
April 8.

An outlaw for today

From Mr J. B. Booth

Sir, My great-grandfather, General William Booth, would have been amused to be likened to Robin Hood by Miss Clare Falvey (letter, March 30). He was certainly adept at persuading the well-off to contribute substantially to the Salvation Army's work for the suffering and needy. And he never gave up the fight.

In his last days he said: "I have been trying all my life to stretch out my arms so as to reach with one hand the poor, and at the same time keep in touch with the rich. But my arms are not long enough."

The object of this philanthropy was the same then as it is today: to alleviate despair and distress and to urge the recipient to seek God's help in redirecting his or her life. Setting up the People's Mission, which later became the Salvation Army, William declared: "No one gets a blessing if they have cold feet and nobody ever got saved while they had toothache!"

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BOOTH,
10 Wynford Green,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
April 2.

Spelling it out

From Mr R. J. Harrington

Sir, BSE? Blame Somebody Else.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. HARRINGTON,
7 Elven Lane,
East Dean, Eastbourne, Sussex.
April 8.

Easter parade

From Mr Barry Shooter

Sir, I am a community pharmacist who provides a 365 days a year service to the obvious benefit of my customers, staff and my business.

It is less obvious to me as to why the London Borough of Havering on Easter Sunday should have provided a mechanised street-cleaner service for myself and my neighbours in the quiet cul-de-sac in which we live.

I was equally baffled as to why at noon on Easter Monday the London Borough of Redbridge should have dispatched traffic wardens to the then sleepy suburban shopping parade on which my pharmacy is situated.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY SHOOTER,
155 Manford Way, Chigwell, Essex.
April 8.

Target date

From Mr R. B. Cruse

Sir, Building a national millennium exhibition at Greenwich is a fine idea. But the current speed of construction of the British Library and the Channel Tunnel rail link suggest that an immediate start must be made if we are to complete the project by the year 3000.

Yours faithfully,
R. B. CRUSE,
3 Albert Road,
New Milton, Hampshire.
April 9.

Crossword times

From Mr Oliver Gillie

Sir, Mrs Mary Matthews (letter, April 1) surely draws the wrong conclusion about the number of heads and their relative effectiveness in solving your crossword puzzles. In this house, the two of us find that by combining forces we improve our effectiveness by an order of magnitude, and I know this to be true for many others.

The conclusion must be that the serious solvers, the greyhounds of the discipline so to speak, are so far ahead of the rest of us that they spurn co-operation as transforming a modest problem into a trivial one.

I envy and salute them.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER GILLIE,
126 Court Lane, SE21.
April 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 9: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home Park.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 9: The Prince Edward, Patron, Haddo House Hall Arts Trust, this evening attended the first night of the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society's Fiftieth Anniversary production, "Othello", at Haddo House Hall, Aberdeenshire.

Today's birthdays

Lord Brookes, 87; Professor A.E. Buckwell, agricultural economist, 49; Professor Desmond Clark, archaeologist, 80; Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, AEA Technology, 58; Earl De La Warr, 48; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 87; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 61; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 64; Mr J.H. Holroyd, civil servant, 61; Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 56; Mr Owen Kelly, former Commissioner, City of London Police, 64; Professor Kathleen Major, former Principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 90; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 59; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 43; Sir Robert Rhodes James, former MP, 63.

Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 64; Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, 48; Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director, GMTV, 46; Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 55; Mr Rodney Walker, chairman, Sports Council, 53; Mr Harry Weblin, former chairman, Liberty, 66.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Linlithgow, 1512; John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Ditchley, Oxfordshire, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician and President of the Royal Society 1772, Stitchel, Roxburgh, 1707; Samuel Hahnemann, physician and founder of homoeopathic medicine, Meissen, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, essayist, Maidstone, 1778; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Brookville, Indiana, 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Makó, Hungary, 1847; George William Russell ("AE"), writer, Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868; Vic Feather, Baron Feather, trade unionist, Bradford, 1908.

DEATHS: Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Paris, 1813; Alexander Nasmyth, painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1909; August Lumière, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

Bananas appeared in British shops for the first time, 1633.

The first British settlers arrived in South Africa, Algoa Bay, 1820.

The safety pin was patented by Walter Hunt of New York, 1849.

University news

Birmingham

Honorary degrees

The writer and comedian Victoria Wood, and Warwickshire county cricket captain Dermot Reeve are among 14 distinguished figures who will receive honorary degrees at the University of Birmingham's Degree Congregations in July.

The full list of honorary graduands is as follows:

Professor Akito Arima, Doctor of Science.
Michael Black, Doctor of Letters.
Professor Kenneth Calman, Doctor of Medicine.
Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, Doctor of Science.
Dr John Garlick, Doctor of Letters.
Advocate General Francis Jacobs, Doctor of Laws.
The Right Rev David Jenkins, Doctor of Divinity.
Dr Stewart Millar, Doctor of Engineering.
Professor Sir Eduardo Luigi Paolozzi, Doctor of Letters.
Mr Bernd Pischetrieder, Doctor of Engineering.
Mr Dermot Reeve, Doctor of Science.
Vice-Admiral Anthony Revell, Doctor of Medicine.
Sir Richard Scott, Doctor of Laws.
Ms Victoria Wood, Doctor of Letters.

Legal appointments

Master Robert Lockley Turner, a Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, to be Senior Queen's Bench Master and Queen's Remembrancer from today. Master Turner succeeds Master Topley who retired last week.

Mr Roger Grenfell Toulson, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

Appointment

The Right Rev Michael Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, is the new Provost of the Southern Division of the Woodard Corporation, the largest group of independent church schools in England. He succeeds the Right Rev Christopher Luxmoore at the helm of the group of four schools: Lancing College, Hurstpierpoint College, Ardingly College and Bloxham School.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Keith Punshon, Chaplain to the Forces (TA), and Vicar, Yardley South, St Michael and All Angels (Birmingham): to be Residentiary Canon of Ripon Cathedral (Ripon).

The Rev John Stride, Chaplain to HM Prison, Littlehey (Ely): to be Vicar, Heeley (Sheffield).

The Rev Paul Tudge, Vicar, St James, Woodside: to be *also* Warden of Readers (Ripon).

The Rev Dr Harry Wardale, Team Vicar, Bishopston: to be Vicar, St Peter, Lawrence Weston (Bristol).

The Rev Eileen Wetherell, Assistant Curate, St Peter, Maybush: to be Team Vicar, St Anne's, Calmore, Totton Team Ministry (Winchester).

The Rev Nigel Williamson, Assistant Curate, Stannington, Sheffield: to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Nether Hoyland, Barnsley (Sheffield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev John Chalk, Priest-in-charge (NSM), Salt and Sandon w Burston (Lichfield): to resign May 31.

The Rev Martyn Cocking, Vicar, Pill w Easton in Gordano and Portbury (Bath and Wells): to resign and has accepted a position with the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

The Rev George de Burgh-Thomas, Rector, Hawridge w Cholesbury, St Leonards and The Lee (Oxford): to retire September 30.

The Rev William Doyle, Curate, Hangleton (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Peter Eustice, Rector, St Stephen-in-Brannel (Truro): to retire March 31, 1997.

The Rev Peter Frowley, Vicar, St Minver w St Enodoc, Trebetherick and St Michael, Rock (Truro): to retire September 30.

The Rev Geoffrey Holmes, Priest-in-charge, Barlavington, Burton w Coates and Sutton w Bignor (Chichester): to retire April 17.

Canon Gordon Jeff, Chaplain to the Community of the Sisters of the Church, Ham Common (Southwark): to retire October 31.

Canon Dick Jones, Team Rector, Bournemouth, St Peter w St Stephen w St Swithun (Winchester): retired March 31 and appointed Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Kirkpatrick, Vicar, Whitleigh, and Rural Dean of Plymouth Moorside (Exeter): resigned April 9.

The Rev Anthony Knox, Rector, Toddington (St Albans): to resign April 22.

The Rev John Lines, Vicar, Happisburgh, Walcott, Hempstead w Eccles and Lessingham, and Sea Palling w Waxham (Norwich): to retire May 31.

Prebendary John Mapson, Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Sidmouth (Exeter): to retire October 31.

Canon Stephen Trapnell, Field Officer, Decade of Evangelism (Winchester): retired March 31.

The Rev Michael Hoy, Vicar, St John, Great Marsden, Nelson (Blackburn): to retire April 30.

The Rev Dennis King, Vicar, St Giles, Aintree (Liverpool): to retire April 30.

Prebendary Geoffrey Marlow, Chaplain and Pastoral Assistant to the Bishop of Bath and Wells and a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells): to retire April 30.

The Rev Eric Passingham, Priest-in-charge, Rusper (Chichester): to retire July 31.

Canon Bill Peters, Rector, Uckfield, Horsted Parva and Isfield (Chichester): retired as Rural Dean of Uckfield as from April 7.

The Rev Kerrigan Pring, Incumbent, Nash w Thornton, Beachampton and Thornborough (Oxford): to retire July 31.

The Rev Andrew Rowe, Rector, Chewton Mendip, Ston Easton, Litton and Emborough (Bath and Wells): to resign.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Maria Herrett, six, from Medway in Kent, waiting yesterday to audition for a part in the musical *Tommy*. The show, which opened at the Shaftesbury Theatre last month, is looking for three new pairs of boys and girls to play Tommy aged four and ten because the law allows child stars to perform in only 40 shows

RAF College Cranwell

Air Marshal Sir John Cheshire, UK Military Representative, Headquarters Nato, was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 89 officers of No 160 Initial Training Course and 10 officers of No 260 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from RAF College Cranwell on April 4.

Graduating student officers of no 160 Initial Officer Training Course

General Duties Branch - Pilot
Flying Officers S R Cannon, M S Cockram BEng, P R Dixon BEng, R P Harris BA, E Holmes BSc, A J Kinsella LLB, C J Layden BA, I H Saunders BSc (Econ), K Simpson BSc, N D Stanton BSc.
Pilot Officers M J Clague BSc, C R Davkin BSc, R S Dibden BSc, T T Jones BSc, A C Maslin BSc, J B Sheldon BSc, N A Street BA, T S Talbot BSc, D E Thomas BEng, J A Waterson BA, P F Wylde BSc.

General Duties Branch - Navigator
Flying Officers D Bell BSc MSc, S R Cole MA, R M Vance BSc.
Pilot Officers R J Clark BA, J Farrow BEng, J M Greenhowe BSc, A J Lyle BSc GIMA, C S Middleton BSc, J M Murnane BA, K J Scully BSc.
Acting Pilot Officer J M Higgins

General Duties Branch - Air Loadmaster: Flying Officer M D Abrahams

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Air Traffic Control
Flying Officers C A Fox BA, J J Pratt.
Pilot Officers, J A Parry-Sim, R D Stedman BSc

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Fighter Control
Pilot Officers M A Green BSc, D V Payne BSc, N M Robinson BEng, N J L Taylor BA.

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Intelligence
Flying Officer S D McConnell

Engineer Branch: Flight Lieutenants L J Lacey BEng, R L Smith BEM BEng.
Flying Officers P Croft BEng, D P Flett, S P Goodchild BEng, P Greenwood, D A Handley MEng, N Harding, M Haygarth, D W Parkes, B J Pridmore BEng, K S Rayner BEng, R P Richards MEng, A R Salter, P J Streatfield BEng.
Pilot Officers M S Carr BEng, N A Clowes BEng, I A B Crichton BEng, J E Hansford BEng, P N Marter BEng, S C Race BEng, S Ralph BEng, ACGI, PGCE.

Supply Branch
Flying Officers J H D Bell BSc, S Kinloch BSc MSc PGCE, S J Ling, G P McGeary BA PG Dip, S M P Vaughan.
Pilot Officers, G A Barnes BSc, T M Benjamin BA, J K Turnbull BA.

Administrative Branch - Secretarial
Flying Officers R L Morgan BSc, H M Stembridge BSc, PGCE.
Acting Pilot Officer S L Issac.

Administrative Branch - Education
Flying Officer A L Gibson BSc; Pilot Officer J S Casebury BA, PGCE.

Administrative Branch - Catering
Pilot Officer A J Knox.

Administrative Branch - Physical Education: Pilot Officer A D C Floyd BEd

Security Branch - RAF Regiment
Flying Officer D Black
Pilot Officers S Magee BSc, MSc, S Openshaw BSc.

Security Branch - Provost
Flying Officer N Allan; Pilot Officers N D Carroll BA, T M Mayes BSc, P J Morgan BA.

Foreign and Commonwealth students

Jamaican Defence Force
Engineer: Captain E F Dixon BSc

Royal Brunei Armed Forces
Pilot: Second Lieutenant H S B Yusof

Hungarian Armed Forces
Pilot: Second Lieutenant I Zemberi

Graduating officers of no 260 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course

Medical Branch: Flight Lieutenant J Timperley, MB, ChB

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service
Flight Lieutenants C K Hold RGN, P B Hymas SRN, RM
Flying Officers A J Lester RGN, S M Phythian RGN

Chaplain's Branch: Squadron Leader A J Jelly BD, Cert Min.

Legal Branch: Flight Lieutenants R J Dunn LLB, S Dureau LLB, M S Foster LLB, I Leonard LLB.

Prizewinners of no 160 Initial Officer Training Course

The Sword of Merit: Pilot Officer J M Murnane BA; the Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize: Pilot Officer A D C Floyd BEd; the British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Pilot Officer J M Greenhowe BSc; Overseas Students' Prize: Captain E F Dixon BSc; the Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy: Pilot Officer P N Marter BEng; the Sarah Moland Memorial Prize: Acting Pilot Officer J M Higgins.

Prizewinner of no 260 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course

The Specialist Entrant Prize: Flight Lieutenant J Timperley MB, ChB.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr T.P. Baxter
and Miss M.R. Sharpe**
The engagement is announced between Terry Patrick, eldest son of Mrs Patricia Baxter and the late Mr Terence Baxter, of Fulham, London, and Michelle Rosalie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Sharpe, of Brook Green, London.

The marriage will take place in August in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, and Dunloe Castle, Co Kerry.

**Mr A.M.L. Farquharson
and Miss K.C. Macpherson**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Angus Farquharson of Finzean, Aberdeenshire, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rob Macpherson, of Strachur, Argyll.

**Mr H. Ferrand
and Miss S. Murphy**
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of the late Captain and Mrs Christopher Ferrand, of Tillywhally, Kinross-shire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Murphy, of New York, and Southampton, USA.

**Mr D. Forbes Watt
and Miss H.M.O. Hutchison**
The engagement is announced between David Forbes Watt, of Trastevere, Rome, and Helen, daughter of the late Mr Malcolm Hutchison, of Upper Largo, Fife, and of the late Mrs Helga Summers, of London SW1.

**The Hon Niall Leveson Gower
and Miss A. Blaxell**
The engagement is announced between Niall, son of The Earl and Countess Granville, of North Uist, The Western Isles, and Amanda, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Blaxell, of Antingham, Norfolk.

**Mr A.J. Hawkins
and Miss K.M. Wilson**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, second son of the late Mr Stuart Hawkins and of Mrs Sheila Hawkins, of Withington, Hereford, and Katharine, elder daughter of the late Major David Wilson, and of Mrs Roger Musson, of Littleton, Guildford.

**Mr D.J. Smith-Dodsworth
and Miss E.A. Brady**
The engagement is announced between David John Smith-Dodsworth, eldest son of Sir John Smith-Dodsworth, Bt, of Coromandel, New Zealand, and of Margaret, Lady Smith-Dodsworth, of Thornton Watlass, North Yorkshire, and Elizabeth Anne Brady, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Michael Brady, of Bordercot, Baldersby, North Yorkshire.

**Mr M.D. Gething
and Miss S.J. Lewis**
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs David Gething, of Woodrow, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Stephanie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Philip Lewis, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

**Mr P.P. Lacamp
and Miss D.R. Volsch**
The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Lacamp, and Dawn, daughter of Mrs Jacqueline Fredricksen, of San Diego, California.

**Mr N.C. Lavender
and Miss R.M. Hare**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Lavender, of Swindon, and Rosamund, elder daughter of Bishop and Mrs T.R. Hare, of Keswick.

**Mr J.D. Llewelyn
and Miss T.J.P. Pardoe-Williams**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Roger Llewelyn, of Milton, Strathclyde, and Mrs David Shedden, of Chilcomb, Hampshire, and Tiffy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Pardoe-Williams, of Winchester, Hampshire.

**Mr D.O.J. von Malaisé
and Miss S.H. Lumsden**
The engagement is announced between Dominik, son of Mr Christoph von Malaisé, of Zurich, and Madeleine, Gräfin Douglas, of London, and Susanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lumsden, of West Studdal Farm, Dover.

**Mr A.C. Nash
and Miss L.F. Spridgeon**
The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Nash, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Spridgeon, all of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

**Mr M.A. Thompson
and Miss R.C. Mummery**
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs William J. Thompson, of Manhasset, New York, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Mummery, of Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

**Mr J.W. Clater
and Mrs L.A. Rogers**
The marriage took place on April 8, in the church of St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex, of John Clater to Anne Rogers, née Conway.

Latest wills

The Marquise Violet Evelyn **De Ruvigny**, of London SW15, left estate valued at £81,610 net.

Miss Mary Madge **Lascelles**, of Cromer, Norfolk, former Reader in English Literature in the English faculty of Oxford University, and English tutor at Somerfield College, 1931-60, left estate valued at £534,151 net.
She left £55,750 and effects to personal legatees, £10,000 to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and the residue equally between the Friends of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, NSPCC, RNLI and Royal Star and Garter Home.

Mr Peter Crichton **Kirkpatrick**, of Bournemouth, Dorset, the former oarsman with Thames Rowing Club, left estate valued at £788,356 net.
He left £5,000 each to the Thames Rowing Club Charitable Trust, Dr Barnardo's, Salvation Army, Action for Blind People, and the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, £132,000, effects and 95 per cent of the residue to personal legatees and 5 per cent of the residue to the Charities Aid Foundation.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr John Terence **Dunn**, of Newport, Gwent ....868,561.
Mrs Marjorie Cynthia Lydall **Collman**, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent .... £599,325.
Mr Clifford Gordon **Holt**, of Ashford, Kent........... £718,655.
Mr William Henry **Hyde**, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands .... £563,778.
Mrs Grace Winifred **Littler-Jones**, of Bedford...... £645,115.
Maureen Frances Elizabeth **Jubb**, retired school teacher, of Southsea, Hampshire £959,142.
Mrs Ruth Marian **Kent**, of Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire .... £772,045.
Mr Percy Richard **Levy**, of London W14 .... £1,588,078.
Mrs Elizabeth Alice **McClintock**, of Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire £628,460.
Dorothy Winifred **Mosseri**, of Weybridge, Surrey... £620,405.
Bessie Clara **Razzell**, of Reigate, Surrey .... £646,227.
Mrs Patricia Mary **Roddick**, of Horsham, West Sussex £641,232.

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BIRTHS

ALBERTS - On 3rd April 1996, to Adriana (née Basile-Giannini) and Michael, a son, James Michael Rodolfo, a brother to Elena.

BARKER - On April 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Kummer) and Rod, a beautiful son James Alexander, a brother for Katrina.

BIDDELL - On April 6th, 1996 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Véronique (née Tellier) and Adrian, a daughter, Lily, a sister for Camille.

BREWER - On March 31st at The Portland Hospital to Adrianne (née Venczel) and Mark, a son Harrison Forbes.

DAVIS - On March 28th, to Nicki and Peter, a son, Frederick Valentine, a brother for William.

DENT - On April 4th, 1996, to Alice (née Surtees) and Bill, a son, Oscar John Benedict.

DOE - On 28th March, to Linda (née Frame) and Jonathan, the gift of a son, Henry Thomas George.

EDWARDS - On 16th March a son for Avril and James, Fergus Michael Barraclough McKie, a brother for Augustus, Hamish and Titus.

FARMANFARMAIAN - On March 26th at The Portland Hospital a beautiful son, Ardeshir, to Ardavan and Massoumeh. Welcome! Live life fully - be happy.

FORESE - On April 6th, at The Portland Hospital, Robert Anthony was born, 8lbs 5 ounces. Son of Jennifer and James, brother of Jack and Tommy.

HAYATSU - On April 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Nobuhiro and Yoshiko, a holy beautiful boy, Ryou.

HRUSOVSKY - On April 7th at The Portland Hospital to Sarah and Chris a beautiful daughter Eloise Kate, a sister for Olivia Montara.

JOHNSTONE - On April 6th in Sydney, Australia, to Jane (née Crothers) and Jonathan, twins, a son Alexander and a daughter Alice.

KENLEY - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Vanessa (née Edwards) and Simon, a beautiful baby boy.

BIRTHS

LE BLANC - On April 9th 1996, at Klinik Hirslanden, Zurich, to Sarah (née Tyson) and Karsten, a son, Fabrice James Christiaen.

LIDDELL - On April 3rd, to Chloë (née Bertlin) and David, a son Rupert Henry, a brother for Freya.

MORDAUNT - on 30th March 1996 in Los Angeles, to Katja (née Leschly) and Kit, a son, Milo John.

MORLEY - On 3rd April 1996, to Elizabeth and Lyndon, a daughter, Emily Laura.

OSTROWSKY - April 5th 1996 at the Portland Hospital to Katharina (Leimer) and Jury Ostrowsky a wonderful daughter Anastasia Katharina.

PALAMOUNTAIN - On April 8th, to Jingo and Rufus, a son.

PHILLIPS - On April 7th at The Portland Hospital to Debbie and Mark, a son Jack Nathan Robert, a brother for Katy and Sarah.

PLOWDEN - On April 2nd, to Ruth (née Hindhaugh) and Charles, a daughter, Grace Katherine Lily, a sister for Eliza.

POMSON - On April 5th at The Portland Hospital to Tanya (née Morris) and Alex a darling daughter, Shifra, a sister for Anna, Ori and Ital.

DEATHS

ANSON - Muriel Irene, aged 88. On April 8th peacefully in Wexham Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Henry Anson and loving mother of Vanessa and the late Charles and Deirdre; sadly missed grandmother of Arabella, Lucy, Alexandra, Andrew and five great grandchildren. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks: Monday 15th April, 10.30am. Family only. Flowers to 2 Co-Op Funeral Services, Chalvey Road West, Slough, Berks by 9.00am.

DEATHS

BARKER - On April 8th, John Frederic Waller, Priest, aged 77 years. Former Chaplain of University College Hospital, London. Elder son of the late Dr. Frederic and Kiku Barker at one time of Kobe, Japan and Parkstone Dorset. Funeral Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Boldre Lymington, Hampshire on Tuesday April 16th, at 12.00 noon. No flowers by request, donations if desired for St. Mary's Church, South Baddesley, may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons, 33-34 St. Thomas Street, Lymington, Hampshire. SO41 9NE. "Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray".

BICKERTON - On March 20th 1996, whilst on holiday in Tenerife, Richard aged 82 years. Frazer Nash Man. Beloved husband of Anne. Memorial Service to be arranged.

BROWN - Peacefully in the care of the Fairmile Marie Curie Centre, Edinburgh, on April 7th 1996, William Chalmers Brown, D.A. (Edin), formerly H.M.I.S., loved husband of Jane Lothian, father of Linda (Holloway) and David. A Service will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium on Friday, April 12th at 2-00pm to which all friends are welcome.

CASSELS - On 7th April, peacefully, after nearly 40 years' martyrdom to Arthritis, Clarissa (née Motion), aged 96, much loved mother of Simon and grandmother of Julia and Alexander. Private cremation, family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o Thomas Pink and Son, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1AN.

CORRIGAN - On 6th April 1996 in London Edwina Elizabeth (Liz) aged 53. Beloved youngest daughter of the late Edwin and Jennie Corrigan of Filey North Yorkshire. A dearly loved sister, aunt and friend. Service of Thanksgiving and Committal, Friday 12th April at St Oswald's Church, Filey, 2.30 pm. Flowers welcome or if preferred, donations to Hodgkins Disease Association. All enquiries to A Hardy & Sons Tel (01723) 512216.

DEATHS

CUTLER - Peter, died peacefully in Salisbury Hospital on 6th April. Much loved son of Eric and Bill, brother of Jane and Bruce and father of James. Family funeral. No flowers.

DENNISON - At his home in Churchill, North Somerset, on April 3rd, Victor Douglas aged 75. A dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Weston-Super-Mare Crematorium on Friday April 12th at 11.30 a.m. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for The Mendip Society may be forwarded to: George Williams Funeral Director, Penn Farm, Redcliffe Street, Cheddar, Somerset. Tel: (01934) 742968.

de WESSELOW - On April 9th, Jennifer Jane (née Baker) after an illness borne with enormous courage. Beloved wife of Ian (Ivan) and much loved mother of James, Mark and Peter. Service of Thanksgiving Waltham St Lawrence Parish Church, 12 noon on Thursday, April 18th. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

FITTER - Maisie on April 9th at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, much beloved wife of Richard Fitter, mother of Jenny, Julian and Alastair and grandmother. Funeral at Bayswater Road Crematorium, Oxford at 2 pm on Wednesday April 17th. No flowers please: donations to SBONT or FFPS.

HEALD - On April 8th, peacefully in hospital, Michael William Broughton, aged 66, much loved husband of Myrtle, son of Stephen, brother of Tania, father of Simon and grandfather of Arabella, Henrietta and Harry. Funeral Service on April 15th St John the Baptist, Cherington, Warwickshire at 2pm. Family flowers only.

HITCHCOCK - Michael Aldous on April 6th peacefully at Edenhall, aged 73. Much loved husband of Karin and father of Simon, Rupert and Susan, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Funeral at St Marks Regents Park, on April 12th at 2.30. Flowers to Levertons. Enquiries Tel: (0171) 586 4221.

DEATHS

HOWDEN - Peacefully on April 3rd, 1996 George Howden, aged 84 years, of Speldhurst, Nr. Tunbridge Wells and Trinidad. Requiem Mass in St. Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells on Monday April 15th at 10.30am. Flowers, or if preferred, donations to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, may be sent c/o J. Kempster and Sons, 2-4, Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells. TN1 2PE (tel 01892-523131).

JACOBS - Stella Miriam on 6th April at Liverpool. Peacefully after a short illness. Deeply mourned by her daughter Paula, her grandchildren Julia and Matthew, her great-grandson Theo, her son-in-law David and her grandson-in-law David. A family funeral has taken place.

KENNEDY - Jack. On Good Friday peacefully at home. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday April 17th at 1.45pm. Please no flowers. Donations, if desired, for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

KLEINER - Audrey. On April 4th in New York, beloved wife of Bob, mother of Robert, James, Peter and Barbara and grand-mother of Harriet, Eleanor, William, Isabel, Jack, Max, Georgia and Victoria, greatly missed by all she yet lives on.

LENMAN - Eileen. Peacefully at home in Oxford at the beginning of April aged 79. For funeral details contact Reeves & Painx. Tel: (01865) 242 529. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to British Heart Foundation or Cats Protection League.

LODGE - Lyn, darling wife of David passed away peacefully after a courageous battle against cancer on Friday April 5th 1996. Service and cremation at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday April 19th at 4pm. Enquiries T. H. Saunders and Sons. (0181) 948 1851.

DEATHS

LYNNE - On Thursday April 4th 1996 peacefully at Emily Jackson House Nursing Home, Sevenoaks. Beryl Amy Lynne (Bunty). Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church Ide Hill, Kent Thursday April 11th at 2-45 p.m followed by Private cremation. Flowers to Welham Jones, 156 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, or if so desired donations to St. Mary's Church Ide Hill.

McLEOD - On April 4th 1996, very peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Margaret (Betty). Beloved wife of the late 'Mac', dearly loved mother of Anne, Kirsty, Rory and the late Stewart devoted grandmother of Lucinda, Georgina, Rowley, Callum and Flora. Service at St Peter & St Paul Church, Wadhurst on Tuesday 16th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to 'Dr A J Collis & Partners ECG Fund' c/o C Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. Tel: (01435) 882219.

MORRIS - On 8th April peacefully at home, Michael Freeborn aged 63 years. Beloved husband of Sue and loving father of Nicola, Andrew, and Richard and a dear grandfather. Funeral Monday April 15th, at All Saints Church, Bisham, at 11.45 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to Dr. A. Makepeace, Chilterns Hospital, London Road, Great Missenden, HP16 0EN for Chemotherapy Research.

NAILOR - Professor Peter died on Friday 5th April 1996, peacefully in hospital after a long illness. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Saturday 13th April at noon. Family flowers only. Any donations to Cancer Research please. All enquiries to Patrick Ryan & Daughter. (0181) 567 1664.

PEARCE - On 3rd April 1996 after a mercifully short illness. Ruth, much loved mother of Daniel and sister of Mark and cherished friend of so many others. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Friday 12th April, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to 'B.E.N.' and sent to A.B. Walker and Son Limited, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL. Tel. (01734) 573650.

DEATHS

RICKETT - Sir Raymond Mildmay Wilson C.B.E. Died 6th April 1996. Beloved husband of Naomi and loving father of Kimiyo, Guy and Vanessa. Family funeral at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 18th April 1996. Memorial Service to be announced later. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to *Macmillan West Kent Nurse Appeal.*

RILEY - On April 4th 1996, peacefully in hospital Janice Rosemary Shelley. Dearly loved wife of Saxon and devoted mother to Matthew, Victoria and Adam. Funeral service to be held at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Friday 12th April at 11-30am. Family flowers only, but donations to the C.C.C.U. Stoke Mandeville Hospital c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services (01494) 863101.

ROBINSON - Nancy (Robbie) peacefully on April 4th at Southampton General Hospital. Formerly of Tunbridge Wells County Grammar School for Girls and Gravesend. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Friday 12th April at 1.15 p.m. Followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas Church Lymington on Tuesday, 16th April at 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations to her memory, if desired for St. Thomas' Church, c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, Lymington, SO41 9DN. Tel: (01590) 672060.

ROSS - Dr. Ian Patrick on 6th April 1996 in Toronto after a brief illness. Beloved brother of Denise Delbeke. Funeral to take place in Toronto.

ROWE - Dorothy Mary passed peacefully away at her home in Oxford on Tuesday 9th April 1996. Details of a Memorial Service to be announced at a later date.

SAVAGE - On 6th April 1996, Richard Temple Savage M.B.E., peacefully at home in his 87th year.

SCALLAN - Mary. Suddenly on April 4th. Darling sister of Joedeen. Requiem Mass Brompton Oratory Thursday April 18th at 11.00 am followed by private cremation. No flowers. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon 0171 937 0757.

DEATHS

SCRIMGEOUR - Peacefully at home on Easter morning, Robin, dearly loved husband of Deirdre, father of Hugh, Alastair and Annabel and grandfather of Daniel, Alexander and Sophie. Cremation private, no flowers. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 3pm, Tuesday 14th May at St. George's Church, Preshute, Marlborough. Donations, if desired, will be passed to local charities.

TOUCHARD - On Saturday 6th April, 1996, George Edward A.R.I.C.S. aged 68 years, dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Helen and Jane, grandfather of Jeffrey. Funeral service at St Edmunds Church, Hunstanton on Tuesday 16th April at 12.00 Noon. Followed by private cremation. Donations if desired for St Edmunds Church to :- John Lincoln F/D, 40 Greevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

TUCKER - Gerald Fawcett A.R.C.A (Gerry), 79, died peacefully, Portsmouth, 4th April. Cremation Portchester, Hants, 18th April at 2 pm.

TULK-HART - Richard Braddyll, Doctor of Medicine. Died suddenly on Easter Day 1996. Much loved husband of Pamela, father, father-in-law, grandfather and friend. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial service of Thanksgiving for his life in Uckfield Church. Details to be announced later. All enquiries to Fuller & Scott, Tel. 01825 763241. Donations to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield Sussex.

WATERMAN - On Wednesday 27th March, suddenly, Alfred George (Tiny) in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Julia (Min), father of Graham and Gillian and grandfther of Matthew, Julian and Charlotte. The funeral has taken place.

WILLIAMS - On April 4th 1996, peacefully at Murrayfield Hospital Wirral. Dorothy Lenore Williams (née Wilkinson) of Birkenhead aged 96 years. Widow of Horace Maberly Williams and mother of Ben and Patrick. Funeral Private.

DEATHS

WINTERSON - Patrick died peacefully on Friday 5th April 1996. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Barton, Cambridge, on Monday 15th April at 11.30am. Flowers c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

WOOLSTENCROFT - Wing Commander Harry D.F.C. RAF Retired. After a short illness died at his home in Cuitadella, Menorca, Sunday 7th April 1996. Family request no flowers. Donations to the Red Cross.

WYNDHAM-KAYE - suddenly but peacefully, on April 5th 1996, in Oxford, Jane (Polly) Wyndham-Kaye O.B.E., née Whiteman, aged 75 years. Former General Secretary Health Visitors Association (1964-1984) and Chairman South-West Hertfordshire Health Authority (1986-1990). Funeral service at St. Giles Church, Oxford, on Tuesday April 16th, at 2.30pm. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford. OX1 4TE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GOLDING - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life and work of Professor the Hon. Sir John Golding O.J. on Tuesday April 30th at 2.30pm at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, EC1.

PEEL - A Thanksgiving for the life of John Segar Peel, formerly Headmaster of Taverham Hall, will be held at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday May 11th at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BARKLEY - Y.B. 8th April 1995. You were the minutes which made up the hours becoming the days, the months, the years of our lives. From those who will always remember - a time we will never forget. Love Paul and Margaret.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

TERRY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of James Terry will be held at The Barkshire Masonic Centre Sindlesham, Nr. Reading on Tuesday 30th April at 3.30 pm.

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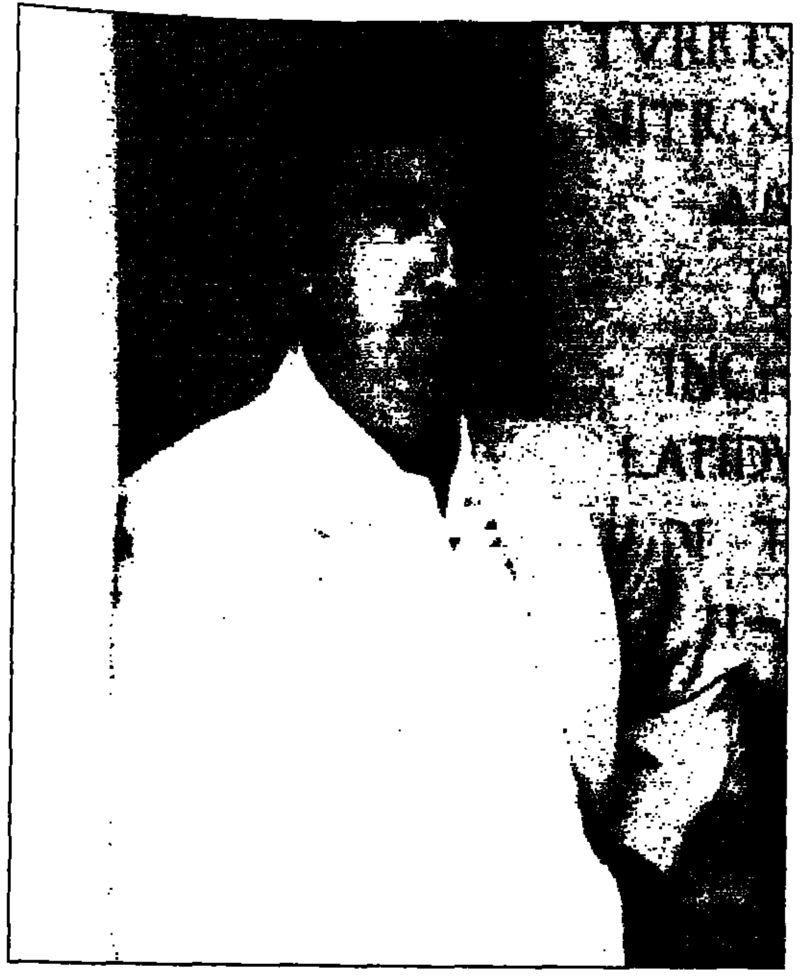
OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR MATTHEW HODGART

Matthew Hodgart, Professor of English, Sussex University, 1964-70, died on April 3 aged 79. He was born on September 1, 1916.



A SHY and private man, Matthew Hodgart presented an apparently impermeable exterior to the outside world. Those who came to know him, however, and (better still) to understand his mind and imagination, found that his quirky wit, formidable erudition and diverse interests combined to make him always a reliable source of help. His passionate interest in ideas, sound judgment of writing and entertaining conversation made him also an enjoyable companion. His life and work could be said to represent a characteristic note in the variety of British intellectual life at the close of the 20th century.

Matthew John Caldwell Hodgart was born in Paisley, the son of another Matthew Hodgart, a partner in a substantial firm of engineers, and Katherine Barbour Caldwell of a long-established local family of lawyers. From this heritage he may have drawn his knowledgeable rapport with the lairds and lawyers of 18th-century Scotland and, in particular, with James Boswell in Dr Johnson's circle. The same parental source could well have supplied his mathematical interests and skill in problem-solving.

His comfortable family background allowed him to be educated at Rugby School as a scholar and then to go on again as a scholar to Pembroke College, Cambridge, in 1935. He was an outstanding student and, after his BA in 1938, was awarded a Jebb Studentship to start postgraduate study.

In those last years of the Thirties, however, the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War and the misery of mass unemployment — accompanied by the shameless appeasement of the dictators — drove very many able and sensitive students at Cambridge and other universities into Marxist views (not least because these alone seemed to offer some possibility of relieving an apparently hopeless situation).

Matthew Hodgart was elected to the elitist social and discussion group, the Apostles, by then politicised to a degree, and within "the Society" (as its members like to call it) became part of an outstanding and talented group. He was also noted as an effective speaker for the Left in the Cambridge Union. Later he was sharply to revise his political convictions and to come to regret the part he had played in Cambridge politics. The outbreak of war in 1939 interrupted his academic career.

He was commissioned into The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and served in the Mediterranean, French North Africa and in Corsica. For his work in Intelligence he was mentioned in dispatches; in 1945 the French Government recognised his service with the Special Operations Executive by appointing him a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur and by awarding him the Croix de Guerre. In the same year he concluded his military service in India, and returned to Cambridge as an assistant lecturer in English, becoming Lecturer and Fellow of Pembroke College in 1949. He was a loyal member of the college, serving as wine steward and librarian, reflecting another two of his interests.

Hodgart was also a popular member of the Cambridge English Faculty, and an excellent teacher for pupils who knew what they were doing. His tutorials covered the breadth of the Cambridge English Tripos, from Chaucer and the Ballads to modern writing. He was a good example of a generalist; his encyclopaedic knowledge of English literature and rigorous examination of arguments, his own included, were challenges in discussion.

The students whom he taught, or whose work he supervised, numbered among them many of the best writers and scholars of the time, including Ted Hughes, the present Poet Laureate, and the formidable Harold Bloom. The latter was one of the many visiting Americans in Cambridge whose friendship he gained — and later maintained as they became influential critics and scholars — and through whom he pursued a keen interest in America and American literature and thought. From his teaching came a number of books, couched in the deceptively simple format of introductory treatments, but which were often original, deftly written and seriously thoughtful.

His first volume was *The Ballads* (1950, revised 1962), which was a landmark in the developing interest in, and widespread appreciation of, folksong, which marked the 1950s and 1960s; he developed this further in his widely read collection *The Faber Book of Ballads* (1965) which also includes Broadside, Irish, Australian and American ballads. He had a particular sympathy with 18th-century Scottish and English writing, represented by his excellent *Samuel Johnson* (1962) and a useful selection of Horace Walpole's *Memoirs and Portraits* (1963).

He was a much respected member of the Johnson Club of London and a president of the Johnson Club of Lichfield. A modest-looking but wide-ranging volume, *Satire* (1969, several translations), also presents visual material about which he was extremely knowledgeable, and escapes the pedantry of form-criticism by a subtle discussion of the satiric temperament as a human characteristic. He also contributed to the *Review of English Studies*, *TLS* and the *New York Review of Books*.

Hodgart's wide reading and formidable scholarship were often united to his interest in puzzles and problems in order to give plausible readings of difficult passages. In 1955, when Robert Graves in his final Clark Lecture munificently offered a £1 note to anyone who could make sense of "the opening stanza of Dylan Thomas's *If my head hurt a hair's foot*," he notes in the printed version of his lecture that "the ingenious Mr M. J. C. Hodgart of Pembroke ... has stepped forward to claim the reward".

Graves, though, by publishing the lecture, remained master of the field. He declared that "there are flaws" in Hodgart's argument and adhered to his view that "the five lines taken as a whole remain nonsensical", thereby saving himself a pound. Yet the reader of *The Crowning Privilege* may well think that Hodgart's suggestion has much more merit than that; it certainly gives a line to the sense of Dylan Thomas's poem.

Hodgart's skill in reading was also put to use in handling James Joyce's text, not only in discussion and lectures, but in two informative volumes: the first (with Professor Michael P. Worthington), *Song in the Works of James Joyce* (1959), an early and formative treatment of an important topic, and the second, *James Joyce: Student Guide* (1978). A third volume (with Professor Ruth Bauerle), *Joyce's Grand Operoar: Opera in Finnegans Wake*, will appear later this year. Music was one of the interests he followed up thoroughly and seriously.

In 1964 Hodgart left Cambridge, and began a series of teaching stints in different universities, often at the invitation of former colleagues and students. From 1964 to 1970 he was a Professor of English at Sussex, moving to live in a villa in the last group of Regency houses to be built in Brighton.

His teaching there was notable for a popular history and literature seminar on Joyce and Ireland, which he conducted with Professor Hugh Kearney, and which is remembered for its annual Bloomsday celebration on June 16. He was Visiting Professor at Cornell University in 1961-62 and in 1969; Professor of English at the then Concordia University in Montreal, 1970-76; Visiting Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, 1977-78; at Stanford in 1979; at La Trobe in Australia, 1979-80; and Hinckley Professor of English at Johns Hopkins in 1982.

His second visit to Cornell at the height of the student discontent in American universities in the 1960s resulted in a *jeu d'esprit*, which ties in with his own student political activity at Cambridge, his interest in the 18th century and his fascination with satire: this was his brief volume *A New Voyage* (1969), a "fifth voyage" of Lemuel Gulliver who in it returns to Houyhnhnmland to find that the progressive young horses are unwisely arguing for the ending of the age-old injustice to the Yahoos by admitting them to the Assembly.

In 1940 he married Betty Joyce Henstridge, who died in 1948. In 1949 he married, secondly, Margaret Patricia Elliott. She survives him, together with a son and daughter of his first marriage and an adopted daughter of his second.

GROUP CAPTAIN LARRY OSBORNE

Group Captain Larry Osborne, OBE, navigator, air traffic controller and supply specialist, died on March 12 aged 73. He was born on December 27, 1922.

THE first black officer to reach the rank he did in the Royal Air Force, Larry Osborne was also one of the most charismatic officers in the service of his time. From a modest upbringing in the West Indies, he went on to serve in numerous capacities during and after the war, first as a navigator, then in air traffic control and finally, when his sight deteriorated, in the Equipment Branch. There he was responsible for the computerisation of the RAF's supply system.

Lawrence Theodore Osborne was born in Trinidad and joined the RAF in 1943 as a navigator. His desire to fly stemmed from an early interest in astronomy and the rapport he built up with Coastal Command crews operating Hudson reconnaissance aircraft from Trinidad during the Battle of the Atlantic. His initial training was in Canada, and he was soon commissioned. There he learnt to box, and represented the RAF detachment. After operational training in Northern Ireland, he went on to navigate Catalina flying boats and Liberator long-range reconnaissance bombers in Coastal Command.

In 1945, with a vast surplus of pilots and navigators available for what was becoming a slimmed-down postwar Air Force, Osborne had to change his specialisation, and he became an air traffic controller. He thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of "bringing the boys down in bad weather" and his tours included a spell in the Middle East. But, not wishing to stay too long in the same trade and perhaps with a little friendly persuasion from the station medical officer, he had to change specialisation yet again because of poor eyesight. This time he chose to begin a new career in the Equipment Branch, embarking on this course in 1952.

This career took him on several tours before he attended the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, in 1958. This was followed by a posting to HQ 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force at Rheindalen in Germany. In addition to his normal duties, he was a part-time member of the Anglo-German Technical Commission. As such, he was engaged in the training and resupply of the fledgeling postwar German Air Force. Typically he learnt German in his spare time and was thus able to conduct negotiations with the Germans in their own language. At Rheindalen, he also pursued his penchant for amateur dramatics, and he enjoyed taking a leading part in station productions. He also took part twice in the gruelling Nijmegen Marches, covering 100km in four days in full battlekit. He was posted back to the UK in 1961.

Following a tour in the Air Ministry, Osborne was posted in 1963 to RAF Valley in Anglesey where he learnt enough Welsh to become a member of the Holyhead Mixed Choir. He made many Welsh friends, with whom he always kept in touch.

In 1966 he was posted to the headquarters of RAF Maintenance Command at Andover. It was there that he had the responsibility for introducing the RAF's new computerised supply system into the main depots. His team soon became known unofficially as the Black and White Minstrel Show, a title he happily adopted. His work in Maintenance Command was recognised by his appointment as OBE in 1969.

Osborne spent most of the remainder of his career at the Ministry of Defence, with a well-earned promotion to group captain along the way. During 1975 he was privileged to lead the RAF contingent on his last Nijmegen March, and he retired in 1977.

In retirement, Osborne was not a man to potter in the garden. Apart from taking an Open University degree, he moved into supply training with the Crown Agents where he made an immediate impact, bringing with him from the RAF his experience, communication skills and an infectious sense of humour. In 1984 he was a founder member of Finchfields Consultants which, among other things, worked on training courses for British Aerospace, and he continued to impart his knowledge on supply and control matters to various firms both at home and overseas until he retired in 1991.

When he did finally retire, Osborne was able to continue his hobbies of reading languages, electronics and walking. He will be remembered for his endless energy at work and his sense of humour. As far as his colour was concerned, he always said: "If people retain their prejudices after knowing me for a short while, it's probably my fault for failing to impress my personality on them." It was a credit to the RAF and all those he knew that this was never an issue.

Larry Osborne is survived by his wife Theodora, whom he met before leaving Trinidad, and by three sons.

BEN JOHNSON

Ben Johnson, actor and rodeo rider, died on April 8 aged 77. He was born on June 13, 1918.

BEN JOHNSON'S ease with horses and authentic Oklahoma drawl made him a godsend for directors of westerns, and a rarity among actors, some of whom looked distinctly nervous in a saddle. Like Gary Cooper, he had grown up on a ranch and was an excellent horseman and cowhand. In the early 1970s he surprised many of those who had underrated his acting abilities when he effortlessly walked away with an Oscar for his role as Sam the Lion in *The Last Picture Show*.

Benjamin Franklin Johnson Jr — known as Uncle Ben — was born in Foraker near Pawhuska in Oklahoma. John Ford later called him the best thing to come out of that state since Will Rogers. Johnson worked on a ranch, and was a seasoned rodeo performer when he rode into Oklahoma City on the back of a palomino to enter a show. A scout for Howard Hughes was impressed by the horse and asked if he could use it in Hughes's new film, *The Outlaw*. Johnson agreed if he could go along as the beast's groom and in the event he looked after 18 of the film's horses. *The Outlaw*, however, was to gain more notoriety for the bra-less bosom of its leading lady Jane Russell than for the horses, and the censors held it up for six years before allowing it to be released.

Johnson's riding skills had by then been noticed and applauded by another former cowhand, Gary Cooper, who eased Johnson's passage into the Screen Actors Guild. Johnson worked for a while as a stuntman and attracted John Ford's attention on the set of *Fort Apache* where he singlehandedly rounded up a team of runaway horses. Ford liked to use men who did not overact and, just as he encouraged John Wayne to build a career on being John Wayne, so he went to some lengths to find Johnson the right vehicles for his talents. Johnson was photogenic and natural in front of a camera, but modest about his formal acting abilities: "Lord help me if they ever ask me to do anything except be myself."

He supported Wayne in three Ford films — *Three Godfathers*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* (both 1949) and *Rio Grande* (1950) — often literally standing in the Duke's shadow, before being given the lead in Ford's *Wagonmaster* (1950) about the adventures of a Mormon wagon-train heading towards Utah in 1879. There followed supporting roles in countless westerns, from the classic *Shane* (1952) to some fairly forgettable examples of the genre for television. He reached a peak in the 1960s, still in Wayne's shadow, but more weathered now, and confident enough of his screen persona to give it a slight twist. Just as Wayne played a paunchy, irritable old marshal in *True Grit*, so Johnson injected his later cowboys with an air of testiness.

Given his past form, he was understandably surprised in the early 1970s to be offered the plum role in a modern film, that of Sam the Lion, owner of the pool hall, diner and picture house, in *The Last Picture Show*. Peter Bogdanovich's film was intended as a tribute to film-makers like John Ford and to the dying values of small-town America. Bogdanovich saw Johnson as the repository of such values — independence and strength of character. Ford, by now an old man, had to persuade Johnson to waive his objections to the film's language and nudity and Johnson turned in a strong performance, winning an Oscar for best supporting actor.

He continued to make the odd film thereafter, and received his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame two years ago. But he spent his last years alone with his mother in Phoenix, Arizona, and was so far detached from the film community that some commentators had already begun to refer to him as the "late Ben Johnson". His wife Carol, whom he married in 1941, predeceased him. There were no children. He is survived by his mother and sister.

Ben Johnson as Sam the Lion in *The Last Picture Show*, 1971

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The first stage in the presidential election to be held in November; state, federal, and delegates to the national party conventions are voted for. Tension was high in Chicago where there was a bitter conflict between two factions of the Republican Party.

ELECTION DAY IN CHICAGO.

POLICE VERSUS "GANGSTERS".

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT LATELY IN AMERICA.)

To-day Chicago goes to the polls to decide the first stage of this year's political contest.

Shortly before the 1926 elections a series of police conferences was held in order to discuss means of contending against the possible violence and the certain irregularity that would attend polling-day without some measure of control. At some of these meetings I was privileged to be present.

These police conferences made it evident that Chicago was to have a real election for once. Heroic measures were necessary, and heroic measures were taken. Two days before the election, the Detective Bureau became an arsenal. Normally, there are, day and night, upon the streets of Chicago, more than 30 fast cars, each with a crew of five detectives. The armament of the car is one rifle, one shotgun, and a supply of tear-gas bombs. (Now, I believe, Thompson machine-guns have been added). All the police, of course, carry revolvers. For "the day" the number of cars was increased to 90, with the usual crew, and extra rifles and shotguns were served out. Each car was given an area to patrol throughout the day. Only the orders were unchanged—"Shoot first and inquire afterwards", supplemented by instructions to take up all known "gangsters" on sight.

The police extended their courtesy to me even further. What I had heard discussed I was allowed to see carried out. They were, indeed, polite enough to indicate what they considered would be the most troublesome district, and to give me a seat in the car allotted to its supervision. So, early in the morning, I clambered into the machine after being introduced to my five companions, heavy-jowled, plain-clothes men, all cast in the same Hibernian mould. They were polite, they were kind, but their suavity did not conceal the impression that they would meet a difficult and dangerous task half way, that for any violence offered they would return more ...

In the afternoon the fun began. As we drove up to a booth, an excited crowd round its doors was sign enough for the squad commander. Before the car had stopped, its crew, revolver in hand, were running across the pavement. Unceremoniously we jostled our way through the mob, to find a young and very red-faced policeman arguing with a brutal looking man who was evidently interfering with voters. The squad commander seized the offender from behind by the shoulder and, violently twisting him round, deliberately smacked him across the face with his open palm before slipping the handcuffs upon him. Then, turning to the policemen on duty, he said equably, "Don't argue with these birds, blow their brains out". Our prisoner was bundled into the waiting patrol-wagon. Several other suspicious looking men were ordered to "put 'em up", and were thoroughly "frisked" (searched). Two men who were found to be carrying arms also went into the wagon.

Thereafter the day was occupied in frequent descents upon the polling stations. Wherever there was even the possibility of trouble, people were arrested on principle ...

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Variation ineffective after transfer

Wilson and Others v St Helens Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Mummery, Mr D. J. Jenkins and Mrs M. E. Sunderland

[Judgment March 28]

Where the operative reason for a variation in terms of employment was a transfer of an undertaking, the variation was ineffective even if the employees had accepted and worked under the varied terms, and the terms of the original contract of employment with the transferor remained in force.

Accordingly, teachers at a school transferred from the county council to the borough council who had accepted new contracts with less favourable terms of employment were entitled to be paid the higher wages payable under their contracts with the county council.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing appeals by Mr R. Wilson and others from the dismissal by a Liverpool industrial tribunal last May of their claims against St Helens Borough Council that the council had made unlawful deductions from their wages in contravention of section 1 of the Wages Act 1986.

The tribunal had dismissed the claims on the ground that the employees' agreement to the new contracts had effectively varied their terms of employment and the council were not in breach of the Wages Act in failing to pay what was due to the applicants under their previous contracts.

Regulation 5 of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) provides:

"(1) ... a relevant transfer shall not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking ... but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made between the person so employed and the transferee."

Mr Nicholas Randall and Ms Jennifer Eady for the teachers; Mr Alan Wilkie, QC and Mr Simon Gorton for the council.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the Red Bank Controlled Community Home provided education and care for boys who had committed offences or had other behavioural problems which had led to them being placed in care. The applicants were employed there as teachers or carers.

The school was formerly owned by trustees and controlled by Lancashire County Council. In October 1992 the school was transferred to the borough council and the applicants started to work pursuant to new contracts.

The applicants claimed before the industrial tribunal that as a result of the transfer of an undertaking they were being paid a reduced salary in breach of the 1981 Regulations and in the circumstances the council were making unlawful deductions from their salaries in contravention of section 1 of the Wages Act.

The tribunal dismissed the claims. It found that although the employees had not expressly agreed to any variation after the transfer they had worked without protest, accepting the new salaries, job titles and duties. Thus the tribunal found they had affirmed the new contracts.

In *Foreningen v Daddy's Dance Hall A/S* ([1988] ECR 739) the European Court of Justice stressed that the purpose of the acquired rights directive, EC Council Directive 77/187 (OJ 1977 L61/26) was to ensure that the rights resulting from a contract of employment of employees affected by the transfer were safeguarded.

Since that protection was a matter of public policy and independent of the will of the parties to the contract the rules of the directive had to be considered mandatory so that it was not possible to derogate from them in a manner unfavourable to employees. It followed that the rights conferred on employees could not be restricted even with their consent.

The industrial tribunal had erred in law in holding there had been an effective variation in the terms of employment so as to preclude them from making claims under the 1986 Act.

An unauthorised deduction from wages was a contravention of section 1 of the Wages Act. The crucial question was what was the total amount of the wages properly payable to the employees?

Was it, as the employees contended, what was due to them under the terms of their contracts with the county council, or was it, as the borough council contended, what was due to them under the terms of their employment with them which contained variations of the previous terms?

It was common ground that the provisions of the 1981 Regulations had to be construed, if it were possible to do so without distortion of language, to conform with the provisions of the directive.

The crucial point was the identity of the reason for the alteration of the terms of employment which the employees had with the county council. The terms of regulation 5(1) were mandatory protection for employees on a transfer.

The European Court had held in *Daddy's Dance Hall* that the policy of the directive, and therefore of the implementing 1981 Regulations, precluded even a consensual variation in the terms of the contract if the transfer of the undertaking was the reason for the variation.

It was clear from the findings of fact by the tribunal that the reason for the alteration was the transfer. The law, surprising though it might be to the English legal tradition, was clear.

If the operative reason for the variation was the transfer of the undertaking, then the variation would be ineffective. That was the position in the present case and the terms of employment with the county council remained in force.

The appeal would be allowed and the matter remitted to the tribunal to determine individual entitlement.

Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Brian Thompson & Partners, Liverpool; Mrs Vivien Horton, St Helens.

Charges should reflect gravity

Regina v Clark (Raymond Dennis)

Where in the case of sexual offences the acts complained of constituted a regular course of conduct over some time, prosecutors should charge sufficient offences fairly to reflect the gravity of the offending.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Owen) so held on February 28, in a reserved judgment, allowing the appeal against sentence of Raymond Dennis Clark, who had been convicted at Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Miller and a jury) on a single count of indecent assault on a male person and was sentenced to five years imprisonment. The sentence was reduced to two years.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the single count with which the appellant had been charged had been put forward as a specimen or sample count, reflecting a series of offences over the period in question. The appellant never at any time admitted any sexual offence within the period covered by the indictment. Counsel for the appellant submitted that the judge was not entitled to sentence on the basis of a series of offences.

Section 31(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 defined offences associated with the offence(s) charged as being limited to offences of which the offender was convicted, or admitted and requested the court to take into consideration when sentencing.

His Lordship suggested that prosecutors should charge sufficient offences to reflect the criminality of the offending.

Offences against environment

Shanks McEwan (Midlands) Ltd v Wrexham Maelor Borough Council

Any person and not only the licence holder was liable to prosecution for contravention of a condition attached to a waste management licence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Iain Glidewell) so stated on March 18 when allowing an appeal by Shanks McEwan (Midlands) Ltd against conviction by Wrexham Justices on July 20, 1995 under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for contravening a condition in their waste management licence requiring all wastes to be covered with uncontaminated soil at the end of each working day. The appellant was the licence holder while another company operated the site.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that section 33(6) of the 1990 Act, by using the words "a person" rendered liable to prosecution anyone who was in contravention of a condition of a waste management licence. The scheme of the Act contemplated the person who was in actual occupation of the site. In practice that was the operator. In the present case the wording of the licence reflected the statutory dichotomy between the licence holder and the operator. The condition which was the subject of the charge related to operational matters.

For a person to contravene any condition of a licence it was necessary for that person to be the person by whom the offence was committed. The licence holder who was not the operator could not be guilty of the offence.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Pedlar traded unlawfully in street

Stevenage Borough Council v Wright

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Iain Glidewell

[Judgment April 2]

A person who stood in one place for an hour selling goods from a bag at his feet and attracting people's attention to come to him to buy, was selling from a pitch and was not acting as a pedlar within the meaning of section 3 of the Pedlars Act 1871, despite holding a pedlar's certificate.

Accordingly, he was not exempt from the prohibition against street trading contained in paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, by virtue of paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4.

The absence of a stall was not determinative of the question whether the seller was acting as a pedlar rather than a street trader.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing Stevenage Borough Council's appeal by case stated from the decision of Stevenage Justices who, on February 23, 1995, acquitted Monty Wright of engaging in street trading in a prohibited street, contrary to paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act.

Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act provides: "1(1) ... 'street trading' means, subject to subparagraph (2) below, the selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article ... in a street.

"(2) The following are not street trading for the purposes of this Schedule — (a) trading by a person acting as a pedlar under the authority of a pedlar's certificate granted under the Pedlar's Act 1871..."

Mr Simon Bird for the council; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the term "pedlar" was defined in section 3 of the 1871 Act as "any hawker, pedlar, petty chapman, tinker, caster of metals, mender of chairs, or other person who, without any horse or other beast drawing burden, travels and trades on foot and goes from town to town or to other men's houses, carrying to sell or exposing for sale any goods, wares or merchandise, or procuring orders for goods, wares or merchandise immediately to be delivered, or selling or offering for sale his skill in handicraft..."

The justices found that the defendant had a valid pedlar's certificate; that on the relevant date he was in a prohibited street for two and a half hours; that he was stationary for at least an hour, selling wrapping paper from a large shopping bag at his feet; and that the bag had a sign on its side and the defendant called out to passers-by to attract their attention.

The justices were thereby succinctly saying that the defendant had set up a pitch from which to sell his wares.

After being referred to *Watson v Molloy* ([1988] 1 WLR 1026), the justices concluded that the trading practice of the defendant was that of a pedlar and that he fell within the proviso of paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act. In so doing they found it material that he was not trading from a stall and that he was entitled to stop to trade.

The headnote in *Watson v Molloy* emphasised that a pedlar was not a person who sold from a stall. But that was not necessarily implicit in the decision. Although the traders in that case made use of a stall, the court did not indicate that that fact was in any way determinative.

Whereas the use of a stall was not determinative, the fact that a seller equipped himself with a stall, stand, or bag by which his goods were borne might indicate an intention to set up a pitch from which his business could be conducted.

In determining the nature of the seller's trading practices and the nature of his conduct while stationary for the purposes of selling it was necessary to consider the length of time for which a person was in one place and what he did while in that place.

His Lordship derived little assistance from aphorisms about "travelling to trade".

To be a pedlar a person did not have to travel and trade simultaneously: he did not have to be in motion while selling. A pedlar was an itinerant or peripatetic seller who was travelling when not selling.

The use of a stall or stand might indicate an intention to remain longer than was necessary to effect a sale to an individual.

The justices justified their decision that the defendant was a pedlar because he was not trading from a stall. The evidence was that the defendant had established a pitch where he remained for at least an hour.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council v Dunn (unreported, DC, March 19, 1996) was an example of a person who walked up and down while selling his wares. In those circumstances the court concluded that the defendant had been acting as a pedlar.

In the present case the defendant was not walking round to sell but selling from a pitch from which he attracted people's attention. He was not a pedlar and was not entitled to the benefit of the exemption from the prohibition against street trading.

The appeal would accordingly be allowed. The court had not been asked to remit the case to the justices.

Sir Iain Glidewell agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Chapman, Stevenage.

Lifestyle relevance in drug possession case

Regina v Scott

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and Judge Gower

[Judgment March 21]

Special facts in a case might affect the principle that evidence of money or lifestyle was irrelevant on a charge of possessing drugs with intent to supply, where the only issue was possession.

Their Lordships so stated when dismissing the appeal of John David Scott against his conviction on September 14, 1994 in Preston Crown Court (Judge Townend and a jury) of possessing class B and class C drugs, amphetamine and temazepam, with intent to supply.

Mr Percy Wood, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr J. D. S. Wishart for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that in February 1993 police officers stopped a car. The appellant was in the front passenger seat and another man, Jackson, in the back with a holdall on his knees. The officers found a black bin liner near where Jackson was sitting.

The holdall contained 447gm of amphetamine with a street value of about £4,470. The bin liner contained 284 temazepam tablets with a street value of £2 to £5 each and polythene bags containing 292gm of amphetamine with a street value of about £2,920.

When interviewed, the appellant denied all knowledge of the drugs. Jackson admitted knowing that the holdall contained drugs and said that he was looking after it for the appellant. He said he knew nothing about the bin liner or its contents.

At the time of his arrest the appellant had £311 on him; Jackson had only 58 pence. Between November 11, 1992 and February 5, 1993 Scott had paid sums totalling £12,290 into three building societies.

Evidence was adduced at trial that Scott's house had been searched on two occasions. Scales and other paraphernalia such as bags containing amphetamine were found.

Once again the court was concerned with the question whether, and if so how, possession of money was relevant on a charge of possessing drugs with intent to supply.

Their Lordships had been referred to 12 decisions in the Court of Appeal from May 1993 to June 1995, the earliest of which was *R v Wright* ([1994] Crim LR 55) and the latest *R v Halpin* ([1996] Crim LR 112).

Two features of the present case made it unusual if not unique in the catalogue of the last few years:

1 From the start of the trial it was only possession that was in dispute, not the intent to supply, which could be readily inferred from the quantities of drugs found.

2 There was in effect a cut-throat defence.

What featured in all of the 12 cases referred to was money. Since the issue in the present case was possession, their Lordships readily accepted that following the decision in *Halpin* evidence of money or lifestyle and other extraneous matters would in the ordinary way have been irrelevant. But there were special facts which were said to lead to a different conclusion.

First, there was a close match between the amphetamine found in the car and that in the appellant's house. Second, there were similarities between the plastic bags in the car and those in the house. In their Lordships' judgment that evidence was relevant.

Whether the judge should have excluded it from the prosecution case because its prejudicial effect exceeded its probative value did not matter, since counsel for the co-accused, Jackson, was entitled to rely on all the disputed evidence as affecting Scott's credibility.

That included evidence of Scott's previous conviction for possessing amphetamine and also the money, scales and other paraphernalia. To the extent that those items tended to show that he had been a possessor and supplier of drugs in the past, as they certainly did, they could be relied on by Jackson as reflecting on Scott's credibility.

At the end of the day no evidence was admitted which should not have been before the jury for one reason or another, and the judge's summing up, while not perfect, was in no way unfair. The conviction was not unsafe.

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Why has the BBC been so slow to capitalise on an opportunity — which has always existed — to increase its revenue?

A licence to make more money

BRENDA MADDOX

Stepping over the threshold of my second home in Wales (the Land of My Father-in-Law, let me hasten to say), I trod on the dusty envelope delivered through the cat flap by the postman. A delicately worded missive, it came from the TV Licensing Centre in Bristol. It was addressed to those residing where they may be using television "but do not have a separate licence in the belief that they were covered by the licence at another (main) address".

I paid up. Indeed, we tried to pay when we first got the place, assuming that a second roof required a second licence. Positively not, came the official response. Unless we were inhabiting two houses simultaneously and watching two sets at once, one licence did for both. Now it does so no longer.

Some are outraged at this double levy. Not me. With the rise of satellite TV that costs well over £200 a year, and with the unstoppable emergence of pay-per-view, the licence fee looks a modest tariff for quite a lot.

My question is why the BBC took so long to spot this obvious source of new revenue? Apparently the Beeb woke up only after *Which?* alerted those beady-eyed people who read the small print in search of their consumer rights that they might be entitled to a refund on their second licence.

Though all refunds already promised will be paid, the BBC is now due for a modest windfall. With an estimated 38,000 households now required to buy a second colour licence at the new rate (since this month) of £89.50, it will rake in an extra £3,401,000 a year. What a pity it did not spot the opportunity years ago.

It is a greater pity the BBC has allowed so much human misery to be inflicted in its name on those who cannot afford to pay the fine for non-payment of the licence fee. Last week a television researcher phoned me to ask whether I were a feminist (they needed one for a discussion). But I was too "on the one hand, on the other hand" to qualify. He should have rung a day later, after I learnt the statistics on women jailed for failing to pay TV fines.

What except a gross bias against the female can explain the fact that women are eight times as likely to be jailed for this offence as are men? In 1995, Prison Service figures show, 19,341 men were convicted of fine-defaulting. Of these, 1,401 went to prison. Of the 508 women found guilty of the same offence, 241 were locked up — babes in arms, children being put into care and offers to pay by small instalments notwithstanding. The maximum penalty for non-payment is £1,000 but the fines in these hardship cases were as low as £70. The plight of these jailed defaulters worked its way not only into the plot of *Coronation Street* but even melted the heart of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who now says that imprisonment will be used only in exceptional circumstances. But Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, fears that without the criminal penalties, mass evasion will result.

Not true, surely? Fines and community service work as a deterrent for other civil offences. Here is a task for Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's new, super-bright chairman: designing a socially useful penance for fee evaders. How about reading to the blind? Unless, that is, the blind are fee-evaders themselves. This is no joke. There is a special discount on the television licence for the registered blind: £1.25.

Sir Christopher is now puzzling how best to use his five-year term. The danger is that, with his depth of commercial experience, he will throw his energies into pushing the BBC to earn more money. He should instead dedicate himself to saving the licence fee, which the new BBC charter guarantees for only five years.

One simple step would be to rename the damned thing. Either add "and radio" to the fee or delete "television". As it stands, "TV licence" is a misnomer, encouraging those who watch only ITV but also listen to BBC Radio 1 to feel cheated.

Then he might declare some home truths, such as the following:

- There is no visible substitute for it. Some day the BBC will be able to scramble its services, even radio, so that only subscribers will pay. But not soon.
- The BBC will never be able to earn more than pin money from its commercial operations.
- The BBC is an essential service. The social services should assist those who cannot afford it.
- If more of the estimated 1.8 million evaders (compared with 21 million payers) were caught, the BBC could afford to be more generous to those for whom the fee is a hardship.

"Does not suffer fools gladly" is the description most frequently applied to Sir Christopher. Who, therefore, is better qualified to proclaim from on high the plainest truths of all? That £89.50 a year is not enough and that those who say they never watch nor listen to the BBC are probably lying.

How to sell the euro

Simon Brooke

on the advertising challenge of a single currency

The passion and the complex issues surrounding the UK's possible participation in a European single currency prove beyond doubt that selling a political message is not, as was once suggested, basically like selling soap powder.

The Times asked a number of leading advertising agencies and public relations consultancies to imagine that the referendum on Britain's adoption of the euro was under way and that they had been retained by either the "yes" or the "no" camps to produce advertisements and to develop a communications strategy.

Britain's single currency opt-out means that the Treasury has "no plans as yet" to devise a communications programme, and the European Commission "has decided that information should be demand-led, rather than in the form of an active programme". However, across Europe governments are already appointing communications companies to explain to the public what a single currency means and how it will benefit them.

In Paris the corporate advertising agency Kendo has been retained by the French Ministry of Economics to produce a long-term communications programme until the year 2002. The German federal Government has appointed advertising agency Von Mannstein Werbeagentur to develop a DM15 million (£6.6 million) media campaign breaking at the end of May.

"It's going to be the biggest and most difficult job for any advertising agency for at least the past ten years," says Kate Marber, European development director at TBWA in London. "Currency is the brand of all brands, it's a national touchstone, and at a time when people feel that their national identity is being stripped away they'll be loath to lose it." She believes that to educate and reassure people, the campaign must be "glocal" — "in other words, it will need Europe-wide co-ordination but must be able to tap into the concerns of the man or woman in the street".

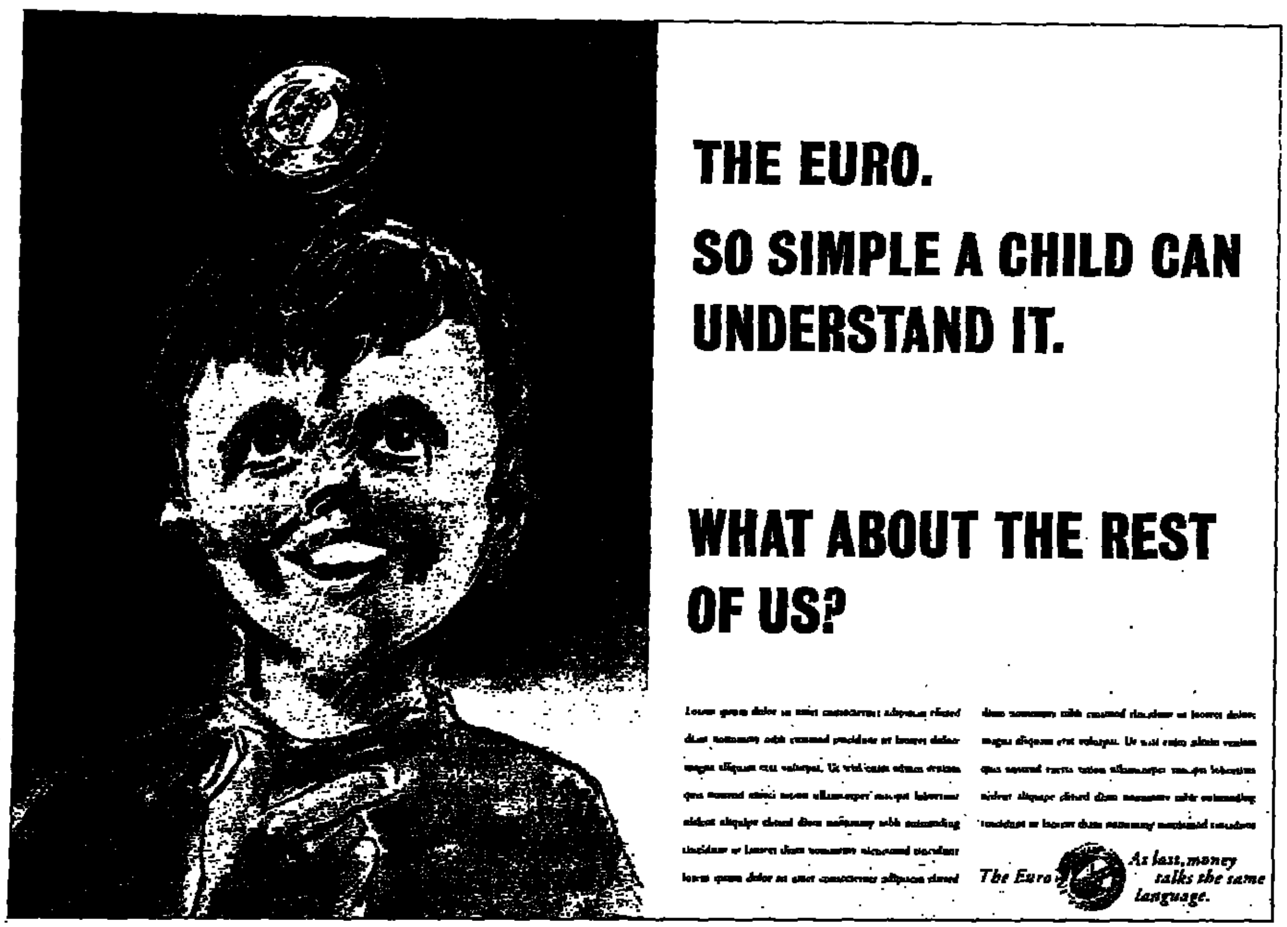
David Longman, marketing director at McCann-Erickson, also highlights the importance of bringing issues down to the level of ordinary people. "We discovered that business doesn't like currency fluctuations, and once the public understand that, they can see the value of a single currency."

However McCann, a decidedly pro-European agency whose advertising campaign to raise funds and awareness for the cross-party European Movement breaks later this week, believes that enthusiasm for the euro can only come about if the British become better Europeans.

If appointed to the "no" camp, Simon Milton of political communications consultancy APCO UK would also like to fight a positive campaign. "We could have the paradoxical situation of the 'yeses' running a negative campaign along the lines of the world will come to an end if we stay out. I would therefore favour a campaign showing that we can have a successful future outside a single currency. This will need to be supported by personal endorsements from prominent industrialists, customers of British export, other European political figures and people who *can* demonstrate that Britain can continue to prosper even if the others go ahead without us."

However, most commentators note that many London advertising and PR agencies will be hoping that Britain does accept the euro, if only for the business opportunities it brings.

'Currency is the brand of all brands'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How McCann-Erickson would tackle a pro-European single currency campaign in the run-up to a referendum

Bonhams bids for the masses

One of Britain's auction houses is dusting down its snooty image. **Alex Benady** reports

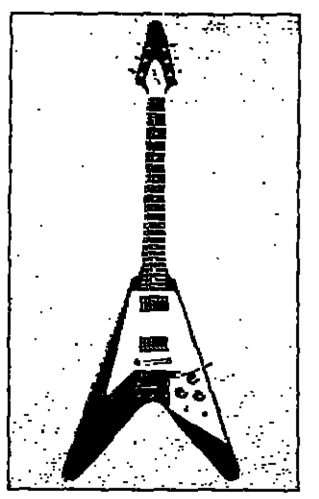
Why are people still intimidated by the leading auctioneers, often preferring even to take their treasures to the BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*? It is because they see the big auction houses as snooty and patronising.

But now Bonhams — one of Britain's "big four" auctioneers, along with Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips — wants to open up the fusty world of the UK auction industry and gain access to what it sees as a vast and virtually untapped market.

Veronica Kruger, Bonham's director of marketing, says: "The rational advantages of buying at auction are immense. You can buy good quality furniture for less than shop prices, and instead of the value slumping when you get it home, it will probably appreciate. Yet about 98 per cent of the population never use auctions."

The comparison with retailers is key to the Bonhams approach. The UK auction industry is worth about £1 billion a year. The furniture industry is worth £9 billion and serves the entire adult population, so Bonhams plans to gain access to that more valuable and populous marketplace by adopting many of its conventions. It is now promoting itself on a platform of openness, informality and enthusiastic service — just like the better furniture stores.

The process has involved Bonhams in a complete cultural overhaul. Gone is the feel of a gentleman's club at its Knightsbridge showroom. "The building," says Ms Kruger, "is now deliberately very airy and inviting. It is stylish without being overbearing."



Jimi Hendrix's guitar fetched £50,600

And in an initiative that will be appreciated by anybody who has experienced the sniffy indifference of some of the other auctioneers, all staff from heads of department to porters are now trained to be courteous and sympathetic to everybody, "no matter how dim their questions may seem", says Ms Kruger.

The point is to make the whole experience as unintimidating as possible for both buyers and sellers. Buyers in particular need reassurance — many people still believe the old canard that if you sneeze at an auction you could accidentally land yourself with an expensive lot.

To ensure that working people as well as the very rich and the antiques trade get a look in, viewing times are increasingly out of office hours. Bonhams Knightsbridge now opens at 7.30 on Tuesday mornings while Bonhams Chelsea has viewing all day on Sunday — to the accompaniment of a pianist.

These small things are evidence of an ethos summed up in the slogan which will run in all its marketing material, devised by newly appointed advertising agency Adventus — "You're worth more to us".

Despite being one of the big four, Bonhams has a turnover of only £40 million compared with the £1 billion worldwide of Sotheby's and Christie's, and the £90 million of Phillips. Ms Kruger says: "Because we are smaller every lot is relatively more important to us. And in the case of, say, a £100,000 lot, which would be medium size for the others, we really do pull out all the stops."

Bonhams has carved out a specialist market for itself in buoyant sectors such as contemporary ceramics, which are too small for the bigger auctioneers to cover in depth. It also pioneered themed auctions — "Cats and Dogs in Art" was timed to coincide with Cruft's.

Technology is playing an important role in the Bonhams renaissance. It was one of the first to put its catalogues on CD-Rom, and now plans to exploit its database in a far more sophisticated manner to produce buyers and sellers.

The efforts byBonhams to expand the joys of buying at auction into the mid market seem to be working. Ms Kruger says: "We are increasingly getting young professional couples buying just to furnish their homes."

Nothing is sacred to a news editor

The 'row' over Tony Blair's religious views was never more than a news stunt, says **Roy Greenslade**

Perhaps Labour's renowned spin-doctors will need to take holy orders. Then again, would a team of spin-rectors have foreseen the impact of Tony Blair talking candidly to a newspaper about his religious beliefs? Surely, they would not have imagined the press turning Mr Blair's perfectly straight-forward interview into a front-page story?

Yet that is what came to pass. Mr Blair's seemingly unsensational views on Christianity, as related to *The Sunday Telegraph*, were translated into an attack on the Tory party. He was accused of being "holier than thou" (*Daily Mail* and *Daily Express*), of being "embroiled in a row" (*The Daily Telegraph*) or, more hyperbolically, "a fierce political storm" (*Daily Mail*), having "enraged Tories" (*The Times*) and "provoked furious Tory criticism" (*The Guardian*).

At times such as these, to heed the advice of my old Sunday school teacher, it is wise to sit quietly in a corner and read the words of the scribes carefully until one has divined the meaning. It proved instructive. The storm was of the tea-cup variety. The fury was decidedly synthetic. It was, according to the teachings of every decent news editor I have known, a non-story.

The articles all depended on a journalistic interpretation of a single quote from Mr Blair: "My view of Christian values led me to oppose what I perceived to be the narrow self-interest that Conservatism — particularly its modern, more right-wing form — represents." The essentially personal nature of this observation was clear because, at the outset of his testament, Mr Blair said unequivocally: "I do not believe that Christians should only vote Labour."

But that did not stop *The Sunday Telegraph* from kick-starting the weekend's news agenda by making mischief. Not content with landing its exclusive, it promoted the piece with a front-page story designed to attract publicity. It claimed that Mr Blair's "comments provoked fury among senior Tories". Yet it canvassed opinion from two of them — the party chairman Brian Mawhinney and Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister — *before* they had a chance to read the article.

It would be interesting to know exactly how the reporters worded their questions. Did they quote Mr Blair verbatim? How many of his 1,500 words did they recite? Did they suggest, as the introduction to their story said, that Mr Blair argued that "Conservatism is incompatible with Christianity"? In other words, did journalists elicit their quotes based on a misrepresentation of what Mr Blair had said?

Whatever the case, Dr Mawhinney's criticism was muted and Ms Widdecombe's was oblique. Yet it was enough to have their names, and the so-called row undoubtedly helped *The Sunday Telegraph* to win airtime on television and radio news bulletins on Sunday. Then the dailies weighed in.

It was noticeable that the same Mawhinney and Widdecombe quotes were the basis of the new "row" stories. Three Tory backbenchers also joined in, though all had a rent-a-quote feel to them. The claims moved yet further from the truth: the Labour Party was "the natural home of Christian values", claimed the *Daily Mail*, while *The Daily Telegraph* alleged he had "made a connecion between his faith and his party allegiance".

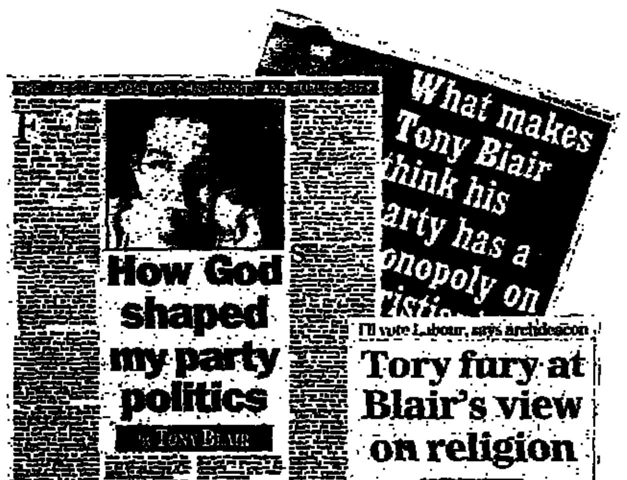
Then the leader writers and commentators, building on the foundation of inaccuracy, wrought their tablets of stone. Simon Heffer, in the *Mail*, called Mr Blair naive and asserted that his "grasp of theology is at an elementary level of philosophy".

The *Daily Express* thought Mr Blair "a little unctuous" but the paper showed commendable, and unusual, fairness by publishing adjacent to its leader the full text of his *Sunday Telegraph* article. *The Sun*, by contrast, virtually ignored the whole episode.

But the criticism did not come exclusively from the Right. *The Independent*'s leader was probably the most venomous of all: "That he [Blair] has faith is well and good but he must not insult our intelligence with platitudes about gospel socialism and an exegesis which ignores the entire chequered history of the Christian Church."

Part of the reason for the outbreak of this preposterous pseudo-row was, ironically, the fact that it was Easter: there is often a desperation in newspapers about finding any story beyond routine Bank Holiday travel dramas. But Mr Blair is surely experienced enough by now to understand that everything he says, on any topic, is bound to attract press attention.

He might well have thought he was safe in making a deeply personal, sensitive statement which would be, in his eyes, politically neutral. Now he knows: for the British press, nothing, not even one's religious beliefs, is sacred.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Blair "sensation" — but the excitement was largely bogus

A real switch-off

TEN million viewers cannot be wrong, of course, but still the heart does not leap on learning that *Noel's House Party* is No 3 in the Top 20 of light entertainment, *Brigid Callaghan writes*. This is a category which includes sitcoms as well as game shows and "family shows" (families, hang your heads in shame) and yet the only sitcom featured in the Top 20 which the honest viewer could say made them laugh a lot is *Absolutely Fabulous*. Saturday is the top night for "light": my advice, go out.

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1	The National Lottery Live	Sat 23	19.51	BBC1	BBC	Special Event	14.4
2	You've Been Framed	Sun 24	19.22	ITV	Granada Television	Family Show	11.1
3	Noel's House Party	Sat 23	19.01	BBC1	BBC	Family Show	10.9
4	Stars In Their Eyes	Sat 23	20.06	ITV	Granada Television	Family Show	10.8
5	Play Your Cards Right	Fri 22	18.59	ITV	Fremantle (UK)/LWT	Game Show	10.2
6	Talking Telephone Numbers	Mon 18	18.59	ITV	Celador Productions	Family Show	10.1
7	Barrymore	Sat 23	19.08	ITV	LWT	Family Show	8.0
8	Big Break	Sat 23	17.48	BBC1	BBC	Game Show	7.9
9	A Question Of Sport	Fri 22	20.30	BBC1	BBC	Game Show	7.8
10	Absolutely Fabulous	Thu 21	21.38	BBC1	BBC	Sit-com	7.5
11	Birds Of A Feather	Sun 24	20.08	BBC1	Alomo Productions	Sit-com	7.1
12	Les Dawson - The Entertainer	Wed 20	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Comedy	7.0
13	Auntie's Sporting Bloomers*	Thu 21	20.30	BBC1	BBC	Family Show	6.8
14	The Upper Hand	Fri 22	20.33	ITV	Central Television	Sit-com	6.7
15	They Think It's All Over	Tue 19	22.29	BBC1	Talkback Productions	Game Show	6.6
16	Married For Life	Tue 19	20.31	ITV	Carlton UK	Sit-com	6.5
17	Eureka!	Mon 18	19.01	BBC1	Reg Grundy Productions	Family Show	6.5
18	The Shane Richie Experience	Sat 23	18.15	ITV	Granada Television	Game Show	6.2
19	Oddballs	Wed 20	21.33	ITV	TransWorld	Family Show	6.1
20	Catchphrase	Sat 23	17.44	ITV	Action Time	Game Show	5.9

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The new rate, a belated response to last month's base rate cut, is the lowest to be declared by a major lender and is half a point below most of its rivals. Interest paid to savers will also be cut. The Nationwide last cut its mortgage rate by just under half a point in February.......................................Page 1

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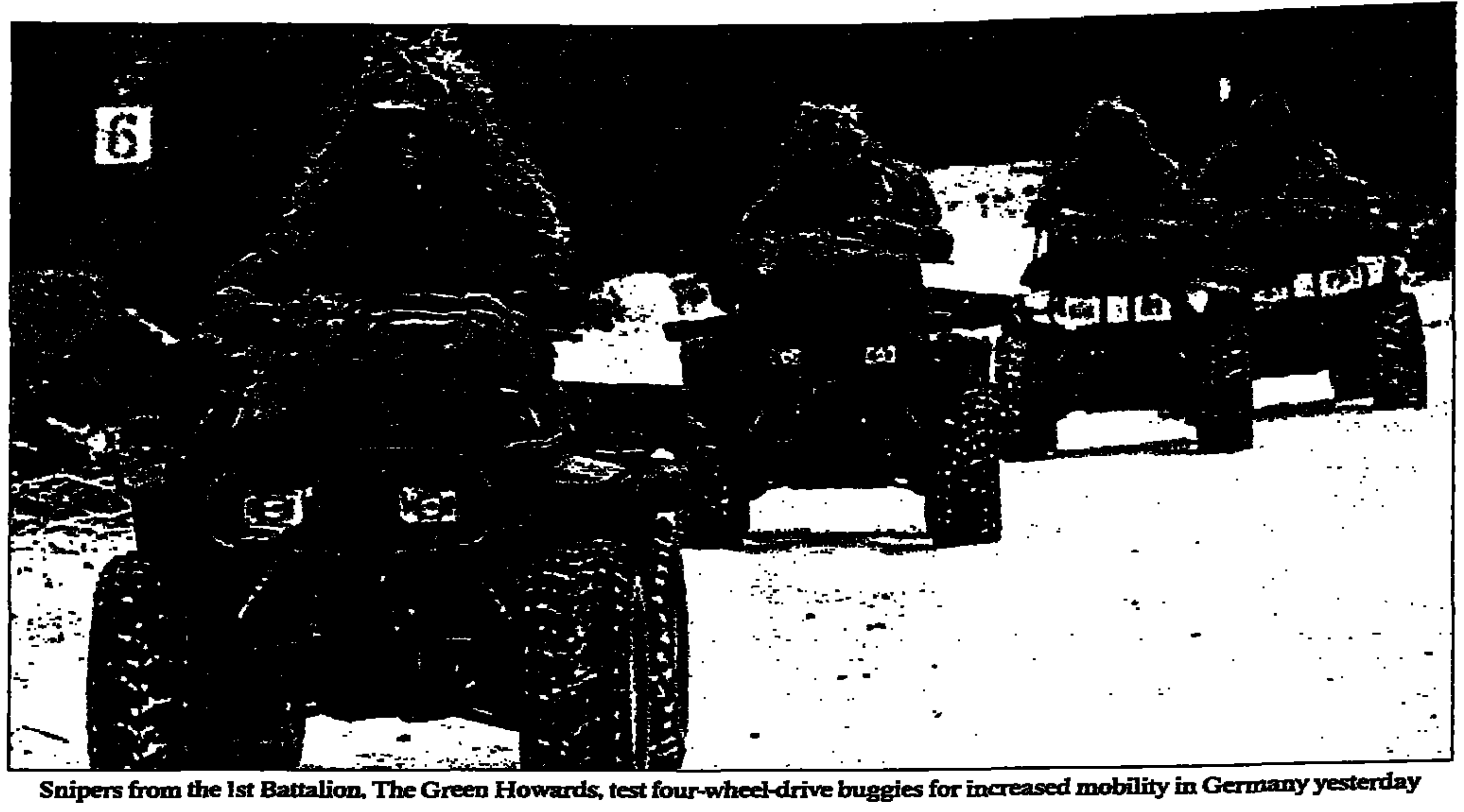

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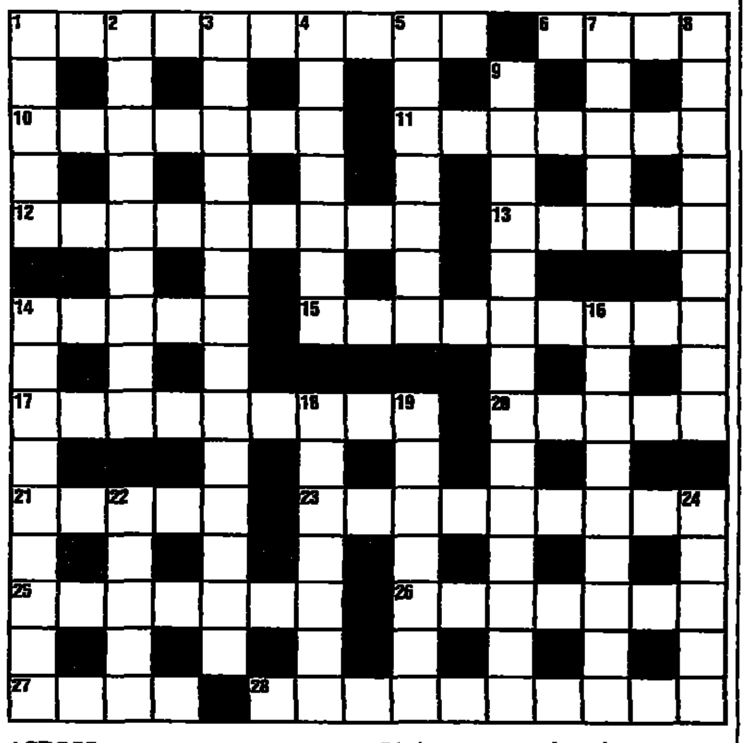

ACROSS

1 Gunner initially opposed to boarding salt water vessel (10).
6 Song of joy (4).
10 Concur with detention of scholar one caught wandering (7).
11 Two chiefs in dominating position on board (7).
12 Run down in trade, e.g. after crash (9).
13 Clothing material for excessively dainty little daughter (5).
14 Drink is taken in passage (5).
15 With simpleton can one put out sound agreement? (9).
17 Special card with atlas showing details of land (9).
20 Attack where shooting takes place (5).
21 Person found in possession is one making confession (5).
23 One's honour bound to accept and carry on (9).
25 Authorise army unit to return with prisoner held inside (7).
26 Agrees to continue in post – or stops working? (7).
27 Second-class lawyer (4).
28 How capital was divided with everyone by composer (6,4).

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1 Good French journalist, if spineless, perhaps (5).
2 One small measure used in organisation provided protection (9).
3 Drag stage out, harassed in hostile state (2,7,5).
4 Musical piece's so long, including old note repeated (7).
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7 Revolutionary machine producing endless agitation (5).
8 It's advantageous to use old exercise books to secure pass (9).
9 Realist's not one about to be persuaded (6,2,6).
14 Solitary stabiliser on eastern vessel (9).
16 Again lost, drifting into old memories (9).
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24 Moderate Liberal support for artistic work (5).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6 15 am	Sun sets: 7.49 pm
Moon sets 11.06 am	Moon rises 1.57 am

Last quarter today
London 7.49 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 7.59 pm to 6.23 am
Edinburgh 8.10 pm to 6.17 am
Manchester 8.01 pm to 6.18 am
Penzance 8.09 pm to 6 37 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy. Eastern England should be dry at first, but rain already over Wales and western England will extend east, reaching East Anglia during the afternoon. Brighter weather will follow across Wales and the southwest, perhaps with the odd shower.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will see a band of rain move slowly east across all parts, becoming slow-moving later over northern and eastern Scotland. Brighter weather with showers should edge into Northern Ireland by midday.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, NW, Cent N England, Midlands, N Wales, Lakes, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** Cloudy, rain spreading from west. Becoming drier later, but staying cloudy. Wind southeasterly light to moderate, turning westerly later. Mild. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **E Anglia, E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** Patchy drizzle at first, but many places starting dry. Rain spreading from west around midday. Wind mainly southeasterly, light to moderate. Mild. Max 13 to 15C (55F to 59F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** Rain soon clearing, becoming brighter, but a few showers possible. Wind mainly northwesterly, light. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy, patchy drizzle. Wind SE fresh occasionally strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain in east, dry in west, but rain spreading into SW later.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.5	0.01	18	64	s	Littlehmptn	3.6	-	15	59	s
Aspatria	8.2	-	17	63	s	London	0.3	-	16	61	c
Aviemore	8.6	0.01	18	64	s	Lowestoft	1.5	-	13	55	c
Belfast	7.2	0.01	15	59	b	Manchester	5.4	0.01	17	63	b
Birmingham	3.5	0.01	16	61	b	Margate	-	-	15	59	du
Bristol	0.6	-	15	59	c	Minehead	1 8	0.01	16	61	c
Buxton	2.9	-	14	57	b	Morecambe	4.2	0 01	16	61	b
Cardiff	1.9	0.01	14	57	b	Norwich	2.3	0.01	16	61	b
Cromer	1.0	-	13	55	c	Oxford	0 1	-	15	59	c
Eastbourne	3.9	-	13	55	s	Plymouth	0 3	-	12	54	fg
Edinburgh	8.2	-	17	63	s	Poole	4.4	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	0.5	0.02	12	54	d	Prestatyn	X	0.01	15	59	sh
Falmouth	-	-	11	52	c	Ross-o-wye	1.4	0.01	15	59	b
Fishguard	0.2	0.01	12	54	c	Ryde	3 5	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	4 5	-	13	55	s	Salcombe	2.9	-	13	55	b
Glasgow	4.7	-	15	59	b	Sauntn Snd	-	0 08	13	55	du
Guernsey	5.2	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	5.7	-	16	61	s
Hastings	5.0	-	13	55	s	Shanklin	4.7	-	14	57	s
Hove	4.9	-	11	52	b	Shrewsbury	3.4	-	16	61	b
Hunstanton	2.8	-	16	61	b	Skegness	5 8	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	-	-	11	52	fg	Southport	5 9	-	17	63	s
Jersey	5.0	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	2.9	0.02	14	57	b
Kinloss	7.5	-	19	66	s	Tiree	5.8	0 01	11	52	s
Leeds	3.8	-	17	63	b	Torquay	2.6	-	13	55	b
Lerwick	2.4	0 02	11	52	r	Ventnor	4.6	-	12	54	s
Leuchars	8 7	-	17	63	s	Weymouth	0.2	-	11	52	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	59	f	Corfu	17	63	s	Madrid	16	61	c	Rome	17	63	s
Akrotiri	16	61	r	C'phagn	12	54	s	Majorca	17	63	f	S Fr'sco	16	61	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Dublin	11	52	c	Malaga	21	70	c	S Paulo	28	82	f
Algiers	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Malta	19	66	s	Salzburg	11	52	s
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Faro	18	64	s	Melb'rne	16	61	f	Santiago	24	75	s
Athens	17	63	c	Florence	18	64	s	Mexico C	21	70	s	Seoul	12	54	c
B Aires	22	72	s	Frankfurt	16	61	s	Miami	24	75	c	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bahrain	24	75	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Milan	19	66	s	St'kholm	13	55	s
Bangkok	35	95	s	Geneva	15	59	s	Montreal	5	41	X	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Moscow	10	50	s	Sydney	28	82	c
Barcelona	16	61	s	Helsinki	10	50	s	Munich	11	52	s	Tangier	18	64	f
Beirut	17	63	f	Hong K	23	73	c	N Delhi	34	93	s	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Belgrade	16	61	s	Innsbrck	15	59	f	N York	4	39	r	Tenerife	22	72	s
Berlin	15	59	s	Istanbul	6	43	r	Naples	19	66	f	Tokyo	15	59	s
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Biarritz	12	54	r	Jo'burg	19	66	f	Oslo	11	52	f	Tunis	17	63	c
Borde'x	16	61	s	Karachi	X			Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	17	63	f
Brussels	10	50	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Peking	19	66	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	f
Budapst	17	63	s	L Palmas	21	70	s	Perth	24	75	s	Venice	17	63	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Le Toquet	7	45	f	Prague	15	59	s	Vienna	13	55	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Lisbon	16	61	c	Reykjavik	7	45	r	Warsaw	14	57	s
Ch'church	28	82	s	Locarno	X			Rhodes	15	59	f	Wash'ton	11	52	f
Chicago	3	37	s	Luxembg	16	61	s	Rio de J	32	90	s	Wel'ngton	25	77	s
Cologne	16	61	s	Luxor	35	95	s	Riyadh	32	90	s	Zurich	15	59	s

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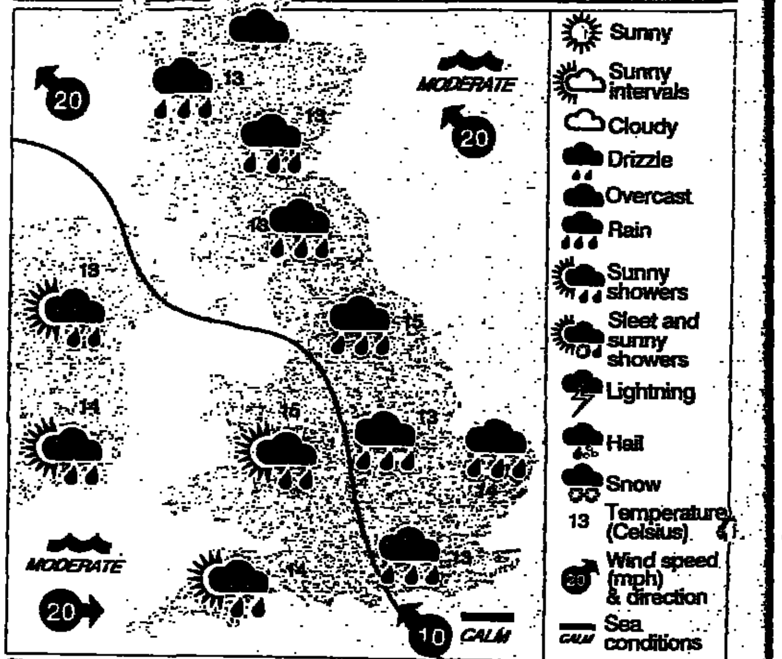

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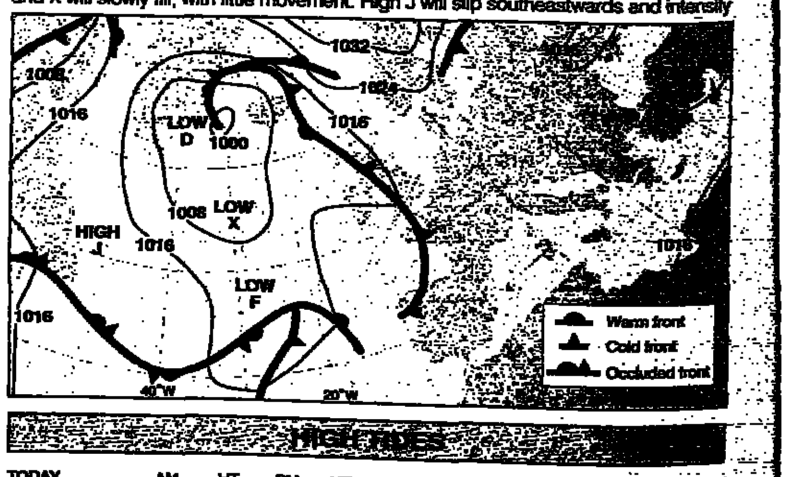

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Aberdeen	5:38	3.7	6:25	3.6	Liverpool	3.16	8.5	3:50	8.1
Avonmouth	11:22	11.6	11:46	11.2	Lowestoft	1:32	2.3	1:42	2.2
Belfast	3:07	3.3	3:59	3.2	Margate	4:04	4.3	4:23	4.1
Cardiff	11:09	10.2	11:38	9.9	Milford Haven	10:30	6.0	11:01	5.9
Devonport	10:02	4 7	10:23	4.8	Newquay	9:31	5.9	10:04	5.7
Dover	2:50	6.1	3:24	5.9	Oban	9:45	3.1	10:28	3.1
Dublin (N Wall)	3:43	3.7	4:29	3.6	Penzance	8:45	4.7	9:22	4.7
Falmouth	9:16	4.5	9:45	4.5	Portland	10:40	1.6	11:00	1.6
Greenock	4:17	3.1	4:51	3.1	Portsmouth	3:13	4.2	3:56	4.2
Harwich	3:42	3.7	4:06	3.4	Shoreham	3:03	5.6	3:37	5.4
Holyhead	2 17	5.0	2:54	4.7	Southampton	2:41	4.1	3:16	4.0
Hull (Albert D)	10:26	6 5	11.07	6 4	Swansea	10:35	8.1	11:08	7.8
Ilfracombe	10:10	8 0	10:44	7.8	Tees	8:01	4.7	8:42	4.7
King's Lynn	10:37	6.2	11:10	5 9	Walton-on-Naze	3:43	3.9	4:09	3.7

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

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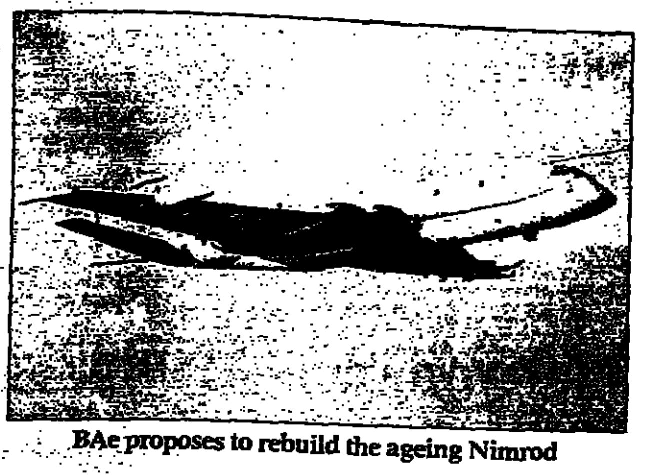
Dogfight over £2bn RAF deal to replace Nimrods



BAe proposes to rebuild the ageing Nimrod

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE gloves are about to come off in the £2 billion battle to provide a replacement maritime patrol aircraft for the Royal Air Force.

Despite enjoinders from the Ministry of Defence to keep the contest out of the political limelight, the contenders, British Aerospace, teamed with Boeing, and Lockheed Martin of the United States, teamed with GEC-Marconi, are poised to launch an intensive public lobbying campaign.

At stake are the last big Royal Air Force programme this century, and tens of thousands of jobs in British industry. The battle also rekindles the rivalry between BAe and GEC, through a contest that will pit BAe's desire to extend its role as a prime contractor to the MoD against GEC's determination to stay at the forefront of defence electronics.

The RAF and other airforces worldwide are keen to acquire a new generation of more capable patrol aircraft to track increasingly sophisticated Russian submarines, and the super-quiet conventional subs sold to many second-rank navies since the end of the Cold War. The aircraft would replace the RAF's 25 ageing Nimrod jets. Lockheed Martin, the world's biggest defence company, is wooing the MoD as launch customer for its Orion 2000 aircraft. The four-engined turboprop will be a re-engineered version of its venerable P3 Orion, with state-of-the-art, fly-by-wire controls and new, more powerful engines.

In an unprecedented move, the company is promising an aircraft with more than 50 per cent United Kingdom content, including a GEC-Marconi mission system accounting for up to 40 per cent of the order, by value.

At least 20 per cent of all follow-on sales from the company's Marietta, Georgia, base, will be sourced from the UK. Lockheed faces a tough counter-attack from British Aerospace, which is offering to rebuild the Nimrods with a new engine pod, engines, inner-wing and electronics.

BAe says the Nimrod's jet engines offer significant advantages.

According to Graham Chisnall, project director of BAe's Replacement Maritime Patrol Aircraft Programme, systems integration and design work on the Nimrod replacement is equally vital to enable BAe to take technology design teams through the looming gap between completion of work on the Eurofighter, and the nascent Anglo-American Joint Advanced Strike Technology programme.

Although offering an American-built Boeing mission system at the heart of its bid, BAe says the lessons learned modernising Nimrod would put it in pole position to upgrade P3 Orions in use around the world.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3758.6	(+3.0)
Yield	3.94%	
FT-SE A All share	1869.86	(+0.33)
Nikkei	21744.17	(+319.93)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5578.47	(-15.90)*
S&P Composite	644.05	(-0.19)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{5}{16}$%*	($5\frac{1}{4}$%)
Long Bond	$89\frac{1}{16}$*	($91\frac{15}{32}$)
Yield	6.87%*	(6.66%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6%	(6%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$105\frac{9}{32}$	($105\frac{27}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5246*	(1.5309)
London:		
$	1.5247	(1.5301)
DM	2.2748	(2.2637)
FFr	7.7430	(7.7060)
SFr	1.8380	(1.8262)
Yen	164.93	(163.68)
£ Index	83.9	(83.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4920*	(1.4809)
FFr	5.0755*	(5.0380)
SFr	1.2055*	(1.1934)
Yen	108.16*	(107.05)
$ Index	96.4	(95.8)

Tokyo close Yen 107.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jun)	$19.20	($18.95)

GOLD

London close	$396.15	($393.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Flat factory output points to recession

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S manufacturing output is stagnant, recording the same activity in February as it did eight months ago and languishing just below the levels reached before the last recession hit.

Manufacturing showed no growth in February and, taking the three months to February against the previous three, was 0.5 per cent lower. Against the same period last year, the sector was showing only 0.5 per cent growth, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Unless there has been a sharp rebound in activity in March — not expected given the most recent survey evidence — it is likely that manufacturing industry will show a contraction in the first quarter. With activity having shrunk in the final quarter of last year as well, this means that manufacturing was technically back in recession at the start of this year.

The ONS estimated yesterday that the underlying trend of both manufacturing and industrial production, which includes Britain's energy sector, is now for zero growth. This is the first time this has happened since September, 1992, the month when sterling was forced to leave the exchange-rate mechanism.

Industrial production grew by 0.4 per cent in February, boosted by unusually cold weather during the month. In the latest three months against the previous three, industrial production was up just 0.1 per cent but was up 1.5 per cent on a year ago.

The City is deeply divided on where manufacturing industry will go from here and what the effect of the current malaise in this sector will mean for the rest of the economy.

Industry is currently dominated by last year's involuntary build-up in stocks as firms failed to anticipate the slowdown in growth. It is still an open question how quickly stock levels can be reduced and production return to more normal levels.

David Walton, of Goldman Sachs, noted that yesterday's figures showed a pick-up in the output of consumer goods, at an annualised rate of 2.3 per cent in the three months to February, in response to buoyancy in consumer demand. He said that, provided consumer spending growth remains firm, the stock adjustment should largely be complete by the middle of this year.

But Alex Garrard, of UBS, said that there are few signs of manufacturers running down stocks in earnest. He said that more stocks-related weakness coupled with anaemic economic activity in continental Europe should mean that base rates have further to fall.

A majority of the Chancellor's independent forecasting panel yesterday said that the next move in rates should not necessarily be downwards despite the fact that none of them comes close to the Treasury's 3 per cent prediction for growth this year. The highest forecast was for growth of 2.5 per cent and the average of the six forecasts was only 2.2 per cent.

The Treasury's growth forecast is highly dependent on a bounce in consumer spending which it predicts will grow by 3.5 per cent this year. However, today's distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry shows that retail sales growth is slowing.

Yesterday's output figures showed that the output of the investment goods industries fell by 0.4 per cent in the three months to February compared with the previous three suggesting that investment remains subdued along with the broader economy.

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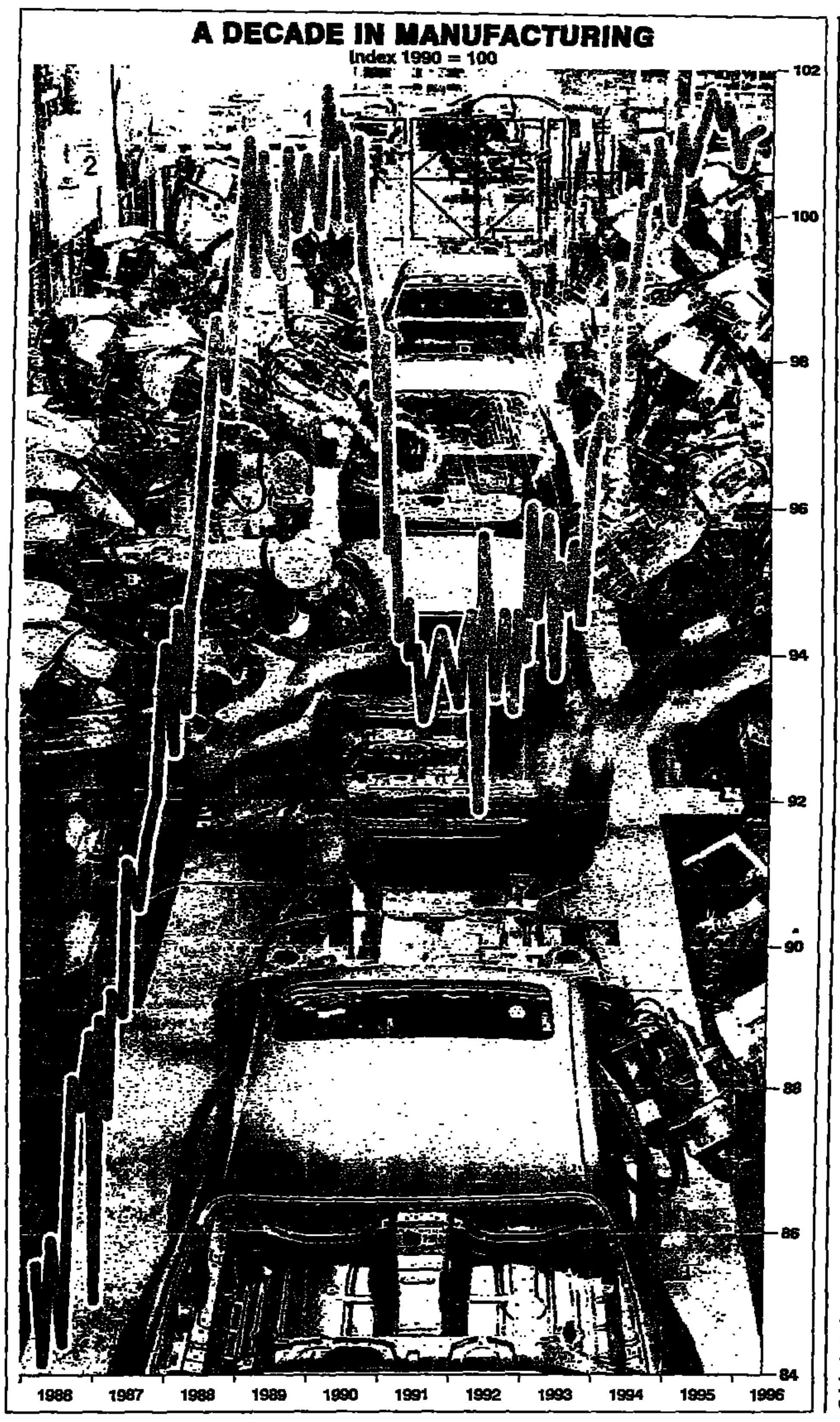

A DECADE IN MANUFACTURING
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Shares end with show of strength

By Philip Panglos

THE much-feared slide in London share prices failed to materialise after Monday's 88-point tumble on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index opened with a deficit of 29.4 points after an initial markdown, but the market soon recovered as dealers began selective buying. Conditions were mixed, but dealers' nerves were further calmed by slightly weaker-than-forecast industrial production data and a positive start on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average moved to a 21-point gain within five minutes.

The FT-SE 100 index ended up 3.0 points at 3,758.6, in thin volume of 619 million shares traded. However, conditions in New York remained volatile with the Dow nursing a 32-point deficit shortly after the London market had closed.

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Panel warns against tax cuts

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE Chancellor was yesterday warned by a clear majority of his independent forecasting panel against a tax cutting Budget in November.

Of the "six wise persons" who report on the economy twice a year, three were opposed to any tax cuts in November and argued, if anything, that the Chancellor should tighten fiscal policy.

Professor Tim Congdon of Lombard Street Research, Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs and Martin Weale of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research said that they were worried about a continuing shortfall in tax receipts and were sceptical that the Government would be able to deliver very tight control over public spending for a sustained period.

But Bridget Rosewell of Business Strategies and Kate Barker of the Confederation of British Industry were not concerned if there were small tax cuts — although Ms Barker said she would like them balanced by lower spending. Only Professor Patrick Minford of the University of Liverpool argued for tax cuts of more than £2 to £3 billion.

Professor Minford also stood out against the crowd in calling for a further 2 per cent off base rates to prevent the current weakness of demand turning into a prolonged period of very weak activity. However, the wise persons' report said that "most of us do not believe that the next move in interest rates should necessarily be downwards and think that any significant further reduction in interest rates should depend on evidence that inflation over the next two years will be lower than currently expected."

F&C adds to detail on director incomes

By Paul Durman

FOREIGN & Colonial Investment Trust has bowed to pressure from its 100,000 shareholders to give a more explicit account of the amounts paid to its senior investment managers.

The fuller disclosure of salary and option benefits covers nearly five pages of the trust's report and accounts.

At first sight, the latest accounts seem to show that Michael Hart, the trust's manager, and the James Ogilvy, chief executive of Foreign & Colonial Management (FCM), took big pay cuts last year.

Mr Hart's pay from FCM fell from £414,000 in 1994 to £249,000 last year. Mr Ogilvy's rewards fell from £986,000 to £901,000, but the 1995 figure also includes £386,000 from a "phantom" share option scheme set up in 1989. Without this, Mr Ogilvy would have been paid £515,000.

However, Mr Ogilvy also exercised more than 10,000 options in FCM, bringing immediate profit of £375,000. Including this, the total he received from the investment group last year was £1.2 million.

Mr Hart and other directors also raised substantial sums by exercising options in FCM. Mr Hart cashed in enough to produce a profit of £258,000.

Problems of obscurity on executive pay arise because executive directors are paid not by the trust, but by FCM, itself an indirect investment of the trust. Since most executives spend only part of their time on trust affairs, F&C reported only a proportion of the total amounts paid to them.

Mr Hart said the directors' reduced earnings in 1995 were due to lower bonuses.

UBS and Crédit Suisse in merger talks

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

SWITZERLAND'S two biggest banks, Union Bank of Switzerland and CS Holding, parent of Crédit Suisse, have confirmed that they are in merger talks in a move that could lead to thousands of job cuts in their domestic markets and in London.

A merger of UBS, the biggest bank in Switzerland, and Crédit Suisse, the second biggest, would create a European banking and investment banking giant. The combined group would represent more than Sfr3 billion (£1.63 billion) in annual net profit and would have total assets of around Sfr800 billion (£435 billion).

Both banks have massive investment banking operations in London, employing several thousand staff. There would be widespread implications for jobs at the UBS office in Broadgate and Crédit Suisse's operations in Canary Wharf.

CS Holding confirmed that a telephone conversation had taken place between Rainer Gut, its chairman, and Nikolaus Senn, chairman of UBS, last week and that they "explored the issue of whether it might be appropriate to discuss a merger".

The bank denied press reports in Switzerland that it was planning to support Martin Ebner, the UBS shareholder who is planning to oppose the nomination of UBS executive Robert Studer to succeed Mr Senn as chairman at the bank's stockholders' meeting next Tuesday.

CS Holding also denied that it wanted to take control of UBS.

After initially refusing to comment on the CS Holding statement, UBS last night confirmed that the call had taken place and said its board will meet tomorrow evening to discuss the merger proposals from CS Holding.

The CS Holding statement said that during the telephone call Mr Gut "explored the issue of whether it might be appropriate to discuss a merger between Switzerland's two biggest banks, saying that current trends in the Swiss and international banking industry meant that the question was bound to be raised sooner or later".

Mr Gut also told Mr Senn that "The challenges thrown up by the globalisation of financial services and the continuing restructuring process within Switzerland's banking industry demanded far-sighted solutions."

Analysts said last night that a decision to go ahead with such amerger would be made primarily on domestic grounds, but would have massive implications for international investment banking operations, particularly on the debt side of the business.

A merger would raise monopoly issues in Switzerland and would lead to widespread political opposition as the banking industry employs around a third of the Swiss population and a merger would lead to mass layoffs.

CS Holding shares gained almost 5.75 per cent yesterday, but UBS was up a mere 0.3 per cent on the day.

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Retail sales growth 'slowed in March'

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITISH consumers appear more confident and willing to spend more freely but the pace of growth of retail sales slowed in March, according to the distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, out today.

This is the sixth successive month in which the number of retailers reporting an increase in business, rather than a fall, compared favourably with the situation a year before.

But March saw the difference between those enjoying an upturn and those suffering a downturn narrow to 27 per cent from 30 per cent in February.

Expectations for sales this month have also fallen back. In February, the proportion of those expecting further strong growth in sales over the next month, minus those expecting a decline, had been 45 per cent. That figure in today's survey has dropped to 42 per cent. The March survey also shows that retail sales are regarded as only just above average for the time of year.

Sudhir Junankar, the CBI's associate director of economic analysis, said: "Retailers had expected a faster pace of growth in March and the survey indicates that the underlying three monthly growth trend seems to be pausing even though retailers still consider sales to be marginally above average for the time of year." He said that retailers were still confident that sales would pick up in April but that this would depend on a stronger Easter than last year.

Kate Barker, chief economist at the CBI, said in her submission to the report of the Chancellor's independent panel of forecasters yesterday that consumer spending was the great unknown of current forecasts of the domestic economy. She is predicting an increase in consumer spending this year of some 2.8 per cent, compared with the Treasury's forecast of 3.5 per cent.

The CBI report today says that all sectors of the high street saw more buoyant trading in March than they did last year, apart from specialist food and footwear and leather shops. Retailers with the closest links to the housing market did well. Hardware, china and DIY shops reported the biggest jumps in business. This appears to back up other anecdotal evidence and recent mortgage lending figures which suggest that the housing market is beginning to show genuine signs of recovery.

In the motor trade, the CBI reported that there was only a modest rise in sales in March and that sales are still considered to be below average. Motor dealers are hoping for a slight pick up in April.

Barker: spending forecast

Stocks of US unsold goods fall

By Our City Staff

STOCKS of unsold goods on wholesalers' shelves in America fell in February for the first time in nearly two years, the Commerce Department reported yesterday, signalling progress in whittling down overstocked inventories.

Total inventories fell 0.2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $255.8 billion, after a revised increase of 0.6 per cent in January. It was the first monthly decline in wholesale inventories since a 0.5 per cent fall in March 1994, department officials said.

The decline in February inventories was evident in reduced stocks of durable goods, including metals and minerals, electrical products and professional and commercial goods. Inventories of non-durable goods, such as oil and farm-product raw materials also fell, the department said.

Big stockpiles of unsold goods that forced manufacturers to hold back production were cited as a drag on economic growth through much of last year. The report said the "inventory correction" may finally be coming to an end.

MARTIN BEDDALL

David Witt with Tim Dewhirst, chairman, centre, and Scott Beattie, finance director

Profits and investment jump at Dewhirst

By Sarah Bagnall

DEWHIRST, a supplier of clothing and toiletries to Marks & Spencer, plans to step up its investment by a massive 80 per cent to about £15 million in the current year.

The news came as the company revealed a sharp leap in pre-tax profits from £17 million to £22.3 million in the year to January 12. Sales of £278.9 million were up from £247.3 million last time.

The planned capital expenditure programme, which represents 67 per cent of last year's pre-tax profits, is being funded out of the group's cash resources.

Net cash stood at £22.3 million at the year end, up £4.2 million from last time.

David Witt, chief executive, said the bulk of the current year's capital expenditure is to fund the group's investment in offshore manufacturing.

Dewhirst is building factories in areas such as Morocco and the Far East in order to have greater control over supply and so it can respond swiftly to shifts in demand and at a lower unit cost. The company, which supplies all its clothing and 85 per cent of its overall sales to M&S, lifted the final dividend from 2p to 2.6p, making a total for the year of 3.6p, compared to 2.65p last time.

The dividend, due for payment on July 1, is being paid out of earnings of 11.61p a share, up from 8.91p last time. The shares fell 3p to close at 186p.

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British Coal's doctor wins RJB health work

By Marianne Curphey

BRITISH COAL'S former director of occupational health has won a five-year private contract to provide health screening for RJB Mining, Britain's biggest coal producer.

Dr Siyami Afacan is chief executive and medical director of Business Healthcare Limited (BHL), which was the only operator to be invited by RJB Mining to bid for the contract. Neither Bupa, the largest healthcare provider in Britain, nor Norwich Union, were involved in the negotiations.

RJB bought the bulk of the collieries and opencast sites formerly owned by British Coal for £815 million in April last year.

RJB declined yesterday to disclose the value of the contract. The new healthcare company, which is based in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, is also headed by Bob Ellis and Derek Smallwood, formerly the managing director and the finance director of Coal Products Ltd, the British Coal smokeless fuels subsidiary that was sold to its own management buyout team.

The company will provide health screening and monitoring for all 9,500 RJB employees, and will undertake medical examinations of new entrants, advice on first-aid training, X-rays of employees at four-yearly intervals and a range of other health services.

BHL, which is operating from a new headquarters in Mansfield, was not available for comment yesterday. The company was established while the privatisation of British Coal was being finalised and already serves privatised collieries, manufacturers, local authorities and government departments.

It has mobile X-ray units and health screening units, permitting it to provide a workplace service throughout the United Kingdom, and a team of doctors, nurses and radiographers.

A spokesman for RJB confirmed that the service had not been put out to tender.

He said: "Between the privatisation of British Coal last January and today's announcement, BHL has been running a transitional service and we are happy that we have been able to provide some continuity.

"This is one of a number of former British Coal services now run by private companies — the others include public relations and mines rescue. RJB has been very happy with the transitional service."

IBM set for licence pact with Apple

By Our City Staff

IBM is close to signing a pact with Apple Computers to license the Macintosh operating system.

The agreement is likely to be signed in the next few days with the IBM unit that develops the PowerPC chip and would be similar to a pact that Apple signed in February with Motorola's computer systems unit, it is understood.

The pact would be another move in Apple's aggressive push to license its Macintosh operating system, one of the key goals set by Gil Amelio, Apple's new chief executive, when he took over the troubled computer maker in early February.

IBM will not build Macintosh clones but will have the right to sub-license the Mac system to other makers seeking to develop Mac clones based on the PowerPC chip.

Wall Street seeks to ease restrictions

From A Correspondent in New York

THE New York Stock Exchange wants to ease restrictions on broad price swings for the first time since the curbs were imposed after the October 1987 stock market crash.

The so-called "circuit breakers" were designed by the NYSE and federal Securities and Exchange Commission to slow the market's plunge in the event of another sharp sell-off. But concern that the rules are out of date has grown amid a more than doubling in the value of the Dow Jones industrial average since 1988, when the rules took effect.

In London the Stock Exchange has resisted calls for the introduction of similar restrictions when trading is volatile. But a number of European bourses favour constraints to restore calm. In New York a 50-point change — now amounting to less than 1 per cent and triggered by Monday morning's drop — is now fairly routine, but still triggers curbs on computer-generated trading.

But the proposed changes would only affect a 250-point Dow shift or a 400-point move. The stock exchange narrowly averted closing early last month when the Dow approached the 250-point threshold in its final hour.

The changes would halve the delays in trading triggered by big movements in the Dow, a key indicator of market activity.

Under the proposals, a 250-point change in the Dow from the previous day's close would spur a halt in trading for 30 minutes. The trading delay for a 400-point Dow change would be cut to one hour from two. There would be no changes to limits in computer-generated trading that kick in after the Dow industrials move 50 points in either direction from the previous day's close.

The NYSE board approved the proposals last Thursday and plans to submit them for approval to the SEC within the next few days, an NYSE spokesman said.

Market experts have argued that the circuit breakers are increasingly irrelevant. For example, a 250-point plunge would have been a remarkable 12 per cent decline in October 1988 when the rule was first tested on the NYSE.

Today, because the market has more than doubled in value since 1988, the Dow only has to fall about 4.5 per cent before it would trigger such a trading halt.

NYSE dealers may see end to curbs

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
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Austria Sch ...	16.95	15.45
Belgium Fr	49.58	45.28
Canada $	2.184	2.024
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.751	0.696
Denmark Kr ...	9.37	8.57
Finland Mkk ...	7.67	7.02
France Fr	8.14	7.49
Germany Dm .	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	388.00	363.00
Hong Kong $	12.47	11.47
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1800	4.5300
Italy Lira	2503.00	2348.00
Japan Yen	179.50	163.50
Malta	0.593	0.538
Netherlds Gld	2.687	2.457
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.42	9.62
Portugal Esc ..	244.50	226.00
S Africa Rd	6.82	6.02
Spain Pta	196.50	183.50
Sweden Kr	10.85	10.05
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.78
Turkey Lira	114494	106494
USA $	1.627	1.497

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chargeurs out of MGM bidding

CHARGEURS, the French media and industrial group, is dropping out of the running to buy Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc, the Hollywood film studio that the French Government has put on the auction block. The French state became the improbable owner of MGM through the ill-fated expansion spree of Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned bank. Sources close to the sale have said there is no official asking price for MGM, famed for its roaring lion logo.

The Government is reported to be hoping to get between $1.5 billion to $2 billion, and possibly more, to recoup some of the $2.5 billion which Credit Lyonnais sunk into the studio. The bank acquired MGM in 1992 when Giancarlo Parretti, the Italian financier and its then owner, defaulted on loans. Chargeurs' decision came after it examined the MGM sale prospectus. It leaves PolyGram, the music and film company, as the only potential European suitor.

BT prices debate

BT and Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, are to debate the price controls that will determine the future profitability of BT's domestic operations at a public hearing at London University's Senate House on April 17. Oftel has proposed that BT reduces its prices by between 5 and 9 per cent, less allowance for retail price inflation, between mid-1997, when the current cap expires, and 2001. The exact level of the new price cap will depend on factors such as BT's cost of capital and the expected growth in the telecoms market.

Halcyon receivership

HALCYON RETAIL, a specialist retailer of Benetton goods, has gone into receivership. Halcyon employs 100 staff and traded under the banner "United Colours of Benetton" out of eight outlets in London and the South East. Scott Barnes, head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton and joint receiver to Halcyon, said: "We intend to continue to trade whilst a potential purchaser is sought." Halcyon lost £400,000 in the year to August 27 and has continued to lose money. Full-year turnover was forecast at £3.7 million.

Nissan names president

NISSAN, Japan's second largest carmaker, named a new president yesterday who said he wanted a leaner, meaner company able to cope better with difficult business conditions. Yoshikazu Hanawa is currently executive vice president. The current president, Yoshifumi Tsuji, who becomes chairman, said Mr Hanawa, 62, was named new president to bring younger blood and vigour to the top management. Nissan suffered losses in each of the past three years but is expected to make a profit in the year to March 31, 1996.

Panther bid deadline

PANTHER SECURITIES, the quoted property company, has until the weekend to raise its £6.8 million partial takeover offer for Elys, the Wimbledon-based department store. Panther has launched an unusual two-tier cash offer for Elys, comprising 750p for a third of the shares and 485p for the balance. It has, however, been blocked from acquiring all of Elys' equity as three of the department store's trustees, representing 39.17 per cent of the equity, have rejected the offer. Elys shares stand at 600p, Panther's at 63p.

Low & Bonar outbid

LOW & BONAR, the UK packaging and plastics company, has been outbid in its attempt to acquire Rotonics Manufacturing, a US plastics business. In February L&B announced it had reached agreement in principle to buy all the outstanding shares in Rotonics for $2.34 per share in cash, valuing the business at $33 million. The deal was subject to contract, completion of due diligence and regulatory approvals. A decision had been expected by the end of March. L&B shares fell 1p to 564p.

Haslehurst at Reliance

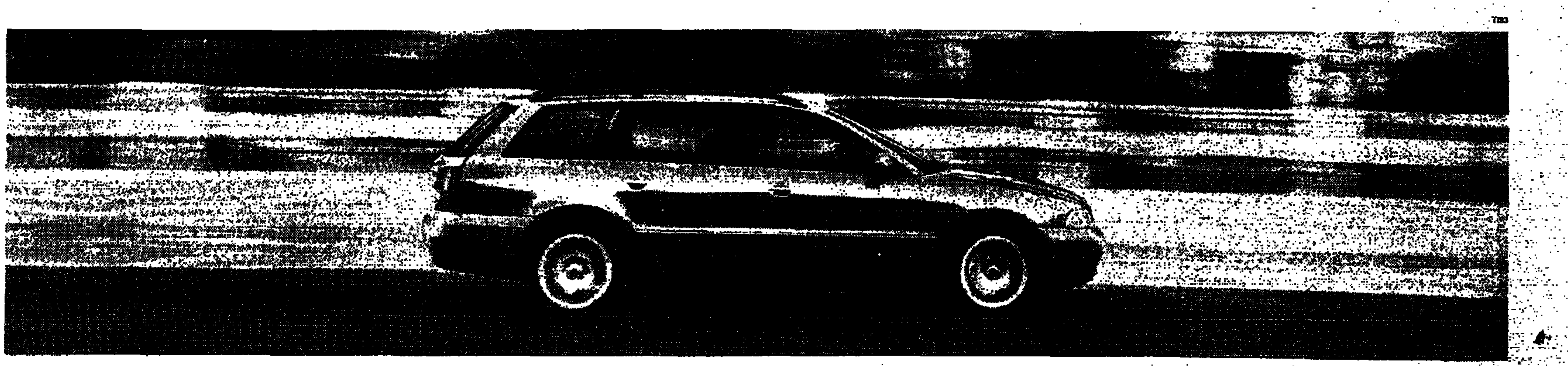
GEOFF HASLEHURST, the finance director of Laura Ashley who left abruptly following the arrival of Ann Iverson as chief executive last summer, has resurfaced as finance director of Reliance Security. Mr Haslehurst, who started his new job yesterday, replaced John Toop, who left Reliance earlier this year. Brian Kingham, chairman of Reliance, said he was pleased to have someone of Mr Haslehurst's ability joining the board. Mr Haslehurst has previously worked with Thorn UK Rental and Next.

Japan stance welcomed

IAN LANG, President of the Board of Trade, said he welcomes the expiry of the Japan/US semiconductor agreement at the end of July and hopes it is not renewed, a situation he said would bring greater benefit to British companies. Mr Lang, who is in Tokyo accompanying British businesses on a trade mission, was meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Shumpei Tsukahara. Japan opposes an extension of the five-year bilateral accord which provides for a minimum foreign share of 20 per cent of the local market.

Satellite link for Wales

CARDIFF BAY has been chosen as the site for a £50 million satellite earth station, which should attract new multimedia companies to Wales and could create up to 3,500 jobs over the next five years. The station announced yesterday, which will link companies in Wales with the Orion F1 satellite, is being developed by an international consortium of companies, including the Orion network of the US, Cable-Tel, Christiani and Nielsen, TCI and Hyder. They plan to establish a 30-acre multimedia business park alongside the station.



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☐ Disarray among forecasters suits the Chancellor ☐ Lenders limber up for their next débâcle ☐ SFO seeks dignity

'Tis folly to be wise

☐ IGNORANCE is bliss for Kenneth Clarke when wise folk are split as deeply as Tim Congdon with Patrick Minford and as widely as virtually all six are on one issue or another. He can blithely ignore them, lay them end to end or ask them to change a lightbulb and stand back for a few laughs.

If the six agreed, by contrast, their message would not be a comfortable one. The Chancellor would be confronted with one of two uncomfortable propositions. Either the received wisdom would be that growth is picking up but will be inflationary next year and needs to be curbed, or that he is negligently incompetent and needs to jolt into life fast to stop the economy sliding into recession.

Even in their foolish disarray, the independent economists do agree on one thing. The Chancellor's stoic refusal to budge on his Budget prediction of 3 per cent growth this year belies the odds. It is an exercise in bombast rather than forecasting. Their own projections range from 1.8 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

This is more than a guessing game. Unemployment, public spending, tax revenue and the Budget deficit are all sensitive to such differences. Hence all six expect the public sector to need to borrow more for 1995-96, this year and for 1997-98 than the Treasury projected in December.

Near-term, the differences are not critical. For 1997-98, however, the average forecast is £21 billion against the Treasury's £15 billion. Yet the forecasters, averaged out, assume that growth will accelerate to 3.3 per cent in 1997. To protect state finances and, equally, to stop inflationary growth, that suggests Mr Clarke would encounter the look-silly factor if he were cavalier with Budget handouts in his planned run-up to the election.

For the moment, the hard evidence is with Mr Minford, who wants more interest rate cuts and reckons that, under these circumstances, flirting with any form of fixed currency condemns Mr Clarke's stewardship. Unless next month's batch of statistics shows a hitherto unnoticed surge in manufacturing in March, industry is now experiencing what apologists might term a minus recovery. Optimists cite consumer windfalls from electricity and building society conversions as a ready self-starter but the equally problematical "mad-cow" effect, too late for these forecasts, could offset that.

The markets are, however, with Mr Congdon. So is Eddie George, who will surely stop licking his forecasting wounds and come growling from his lair again if anything too nice happens to growth, jobs or take-home pay. The prospect of 3.3 per cent growth next year would surely give him palpitations.

The likely outcome is that growth will disappoint but Mr Clarke will not dare do much about it.

Competition cuts margin for error

☐ BANKING is one of the few industries where competition tends to push up the price. To have more money to lend, you need to attract more first. But a buyers' market in housing and the battle between banks and mutuals has changed all that.

PENNINGTON

Most banks and building societies now have more money than they reckon they can lend prudently.

The new banking companies such as Abbey National, Halifax and Lloyds' Cheltenham & Gloucester will therefore have to think carefully before they respond to the Nationwide and Yorkshire. These building societies are seeking to reassert the historic role of mutual organisations that had no dividends to pay and could therefore lend more cheaply and pay depositors better than the high street banks. The new banks reckon their more accepted new financial status and deeper pockets will allow them to borrow more cheaply and buy the systems to operate services more efficiently.

The scene is therefore set for a battle over who has the lowest costs, provided banks and neo-banks care to fight for market share on price. This is far from being a foregone conlcusion.

The Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation recently polled banking professionals to ask them what might be the likeliest cause of the next banking crisis. Banks do seem addicted to crises. The favourite candidate for banana skin, based on this bitter experience, was a fear that overcapacity would lead to folly, as internal pressures to lend led bankers to take silly risks once more.

So far, that fear has been confined mainly to big-ticket corporate lending. Having been bitten once on mortgages, most lenders are a sight more shy of risky borrowers and properties than they were a decade ago. Soon, however, they may be faced with a choice between unseen higher risks, visibly lower margins or loss of trade. Only brave executives will dare to suggest sticking the surplus cash into gilt-edged.

A serious venue for serious fraud

☐ NEWS that major fraud trials are set to return to the Old Bailey smacks of a straw blowing in the right direction. Serious fraud presumably warrants a serious hearing at a serious venue. The Old Bailey most certainly fits the bill (no pun intended), whereas Chichester Rents, situated in Chancery Lane, does not.

To the casual observer, Chichester Rents, host to the George Walker and Maxwell courtroom epics, represents little more than a converted office block (precisely what it is) with an aura to match. The casual observer's perspective may not matter one whit but, should the jury share such views, a degree of gravitas is inevitably lost. At the least, jurors will now have the benefit of being able to watch the expression of a witness, a feat which the architecture of Chichester Rents never quite lent itself to. The Old Bailey will, so the argument goes, restore dignity and formality to white collar trials. In the event, the Serious Fraud Office's case load is running at a record of more than 70, partly reflecting the lowering of the referral ceiling from £5 million to £1 million. George Staple, Director of the SFO, has fought a strong rearguard action in the wake of the Guinness and Blue Arrow controversies. Critics are bluntly reminded that since the SFO's inception in 1988, some 148 trials have led to the convictions of 210 defendants: a hit rate of 62 per cent. Onwards to Maxwell II, scheduled for October at the earliest.

Confidence trick

☐ PANIC makes bad law for markets as well as parliaments. After the 1987 crash, the New York Stock Exchange put in progressive anti-crash barriers for moves of 50 points, 250 and 400 in the Dow Jones average. Since then, the Dow has more than doubled, making the rules far more cautious than intended. The NYSE chose Easter to suggest they be relaxed. That is great *chutzpah* or lousy timing.

Rivalry weakens banks and building societies

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

THE profitability of UK banks and building societies is under threat as they battle in an increasingly fierce competitive environment. According to research published this week by Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, the main risk facing UK financial institutions is competition.

A survey of the UK banking industry shows that increasing levels of competition are forcing down margins and putting earnings under pressure. Ian Linnell, associate director of S&P, said banks are responding by "paying attention to their cost bases and stripping out costs as much as possible." In the past, he added, "banks were able to rely on inflation to get themselves out of difficulties through the appreciation of security. That is no longer guaranteed."

The report follows a hard-hitting study published last month by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation, which also suggested that intense competition in the banking sector would be the cause of the next banking crisis.

In his survey, Mr Linnell said competition in the UK banking sector has intensified over the past 15 years as a result of "deregulation, despecialisation and disintermediation." The low interest rate environment has added to the competitive pressure, he said.

Despite the changes taking places in banks, as they turn themselves into "financial supermarket-type franchises with significant market share offering a wide range of services to capture as many of a client's transactions as possible", banks are vulnerable to niche players, he said. These are attempting to cherrypick the most profitable sectors.

Despite his concerns, Mr Linnell said the pressure would not have an impact on credit ratings, since banks were well capitalised and have already, in some cases, suffered downgrades.

Mr Linnell published a separate study of the UK building society market. He said the member reward schemes being introduced by societies in an effort to demonstrate the advantages of mutual status over conversion to a public company could have a negative impact on earnings. "A price war in the sector which could substantially reduce earnings and capitalisation, particularly if accompanied by a deterioration in asset quality, would inevitably put the system's ratings under pressure," he said.

Harrisons finance director resigns

By Paul Durman

THE finance director of Harrisons & Crosfield resigned yesterday, just three weeks after the chemicals and building supplies group announced its annual results.

Martin Anderson apparently left because of a personality clash with Bill Turcan, chief executive. His exit unsettled a puzzled City and shares in the group ended the day 9p down at 148p.

Mr Turcan gave little explanation for Mr Anderson's departure, but emphasised: "There is no question of financial impropriety, there are no financial or accounting issues. This is not another Woolwich. We jointly agreed that we would part company. There was no single issue."

Mr Turcan said the group's report will show that Mr Anderson, who was on a two-year contract, was paid £191,000 last year. Although compensation has yet to be agreed, this suggests Mr Anderson could receive up to £380,000.

Mr Anderson joined Harrisons & Crosfield two years ago. He was previously a corporate financier with Hill Samuel, the merchant bank.

Mr Turcan said Harrisons & Crosfield had some strong internal candidates for the post of finance director. The company has also appointed headhunters.

Microsoft enters 'intranet' alliance

From Richard Thomson in New York

MICROSOFT has formed an alliance with MCI, the telecommunications company, and Digital Equipment, the computer maker, to provide a new kind of computer system for companies.

The move is part of Microsoft's aggressive drive to win back a dominant position in the Internet, which smaller rivals are threatening to steal from it.

The new grouping will provide companies with "intranet" systems — a kind of internal Web network not open to the public. Intranet systems, which use much the same software as the public Internet system, are useful for electronic mail, messaging and internal company communications.

Microsoft, Digital and MCI, which is 20 per cent owned by British Telecom, said that the intranet business was worth about $400 million in the US, and estimated that it would grow to $8 billion by 1998.

Microsoft will supply the software, while Digital will provide the necessary hardware to set up intranet systems. MCI will contribute the communications expertise that is necessary to link up the system.

Microsoft has not established the dominant position on the Internet that it enjoys in the personal computer software market. Over the past two months, however, it has sought to outmanoeuvre smaller rivals, such as Netscape, that provide Internet software.

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Shares end higher after a roller-coaster ride

SHARES in London went on a roller-coaster ride as the chill gripping the New York market thawed before it had time to take a grip on this side of the Atlantic.

Equities endured a nervous start following an overnight 88.5 point tumble on Wall Street, which came after Good Friday's US bond market slide inspired by unexpectedly strong US employment figures. Shares recovered from an early 29.4 point fall, with City nerves calmed as a return of buying interest at lower levels combined with slightly weaker than forecast industrial production data and a resilient performance by sterling.

Sentiment in London was further bolstered by an initial positive start in New York, though the Dow Jones industrial average encountered volatile early trading.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 3.0 higher at 3,758.6. Volume was thin, with only 604 million shares traded as many dealers and buyers enjoyed an extended Easter break.

There was a two-way pull on **Abbey National**, down 1p to 562p. Abbey failed to hold an early rise inspired by broker recommendations as the Nationwide Building Society stepped up competition in the mortgage market with a quarter-point cut in its standard variable mortgage rate. Abbey received an initial boost as SBC Warburg, the house broker, reiterated its buy recommendation. The broker said it feels that the market is being too pessimistic about the effects of margin erosion on profits and sees the stock as relatively cheap at current levels. Credit Lyonnais Laing was also positive on Abbey, moving the shares from a "hold" to a "buy".

Elsewhere, **Lloyds TSB** firmed 2½p to 318½p after bullish noises from BZW.

Allied Irish, Ireland's biggest bank, dipped 1p to 339p after being tipped as the latest possible suitor for Bristol & West Building Society, which is thought to be reviewing its prospects, having appointed Morgan Stanley and Rothschild, the merchant banks, as advisers. AIB refused to comment on the market rumours.

British Gas advanced 4½p to 239p, on volume of 10.9 million shares, after renewed talk of a possible bid from **BP**, up 2½p to 579½p, though most seasoned traders remain sceptical of this rumour. **British Aerospace** fell 10p to 858p on news that its finance director is to become chairman of **Amersham International**, up 26p to 965p.

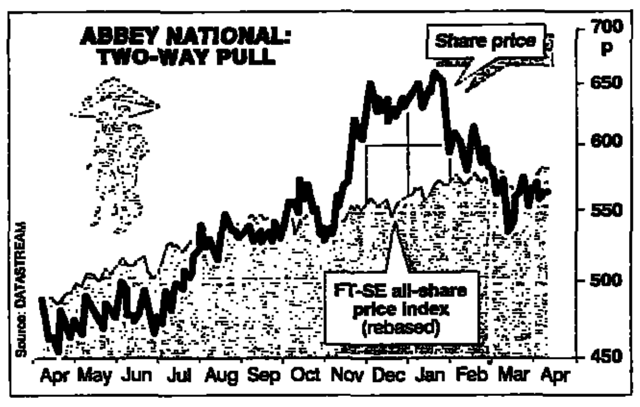
Martin Edwards has seen success on the pitch boost shares

The share price dip came in spite of talk that BAe is emerging as a leading bidder for one of Australia's key defence businesses, AWA Defence, in a deal which would mark the first step of a major expansion drive into Australia. BAe is also tendering for a contract to supply up to 40 training fighter aircraft to the Royal Australian Air Force in a deal which analysts estimate is worth up to A$1 billion.

Granada Group eased 3p, to 794p, before a presentation to sector analysts that will provide them with an update on trading ahead of the company's closed period. Analysts are keen to hear how the integration of Forte is progressing, as well as news on disposal plans of former Forte assets, including the Savoy stake.

Talk of increasing corporate activity and bid speculation helped **Schroders** to jump 30p to £12.30 and **Standard Chartered** 12p to 637p, while a Kleinwort Benson recommendation helped **MFI Furniture** to add 3½p to 166p.

The success of **Manchester United** on the pitch over the Easter weekend translated into gains on the stock market, with shares in the football club, where Martin Edwards is chief executive, climbing 23½p to 315p. Man Utd is six points clear in the FA Carling Premiership and still on course for an FA Cup and Premiership double, as well as next season's lucrative European Cup competition. However, a sober reminder of investments in the football world at the other end of the scale saw shares in beleaguered **Millwall** dip ¼p to 2½p as relegation fears loom for the First Division club.



Source: DATASTREAM

Shares in **Dewhirst**, the Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, eased 3p to 186p in spite of a 30 per cent advance in full-year pre-tax profits to £22.3 million. But **Stirling Group**, the clothing company whose principal customer is also M&S, jumped 7p to 60p, with the company touted as a bid target for Dewhirst.

Pendragon, the motor dealer that specialises in the luxury end of the market, rose 2p to 276p after being awarded representation rights for Fiat and Alfa Romeo in Greater London. Pendragon plans 15 new car showrooms.

Rentokil, the environmental and industrial services group, eased ½p to 368p as the market waits to see if it will raise its £1.8 billion hostile offer for **BET**, up 1p at 208p. Rentokil again urged shareholders to accept its offer for the business services group, though many analysts still think that an increase of just 5p to 10p in the existing 205.6p a share offer is likely.

Elys (Wimbledon), the department stores group, has urged shareholders to reject the £7 million offer from **Panther Securities**, the commercial property investor. Observers said Elys, unchanged at 600p, appears to have substantial investor backing, with trustees representing nearly 40 per cent of the equity saying they have no present intention of accepting the offer. Panther rose 1p to 63p.

Harrisons & Crosfield fell 9p to 148p on news that Martin Anderson has resigned as finance director after less than two years in the job. A spokesman for the company said Mr Anderson and the group had jointly agreed to part company.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts opened with losses of almost one full point on the back of the recent falls suffered by the US bond market. There was a gradual recovery throughout the day, but volumes were again thin.

The June series of the long gilt future ended 18 ticks lower at £105⁹⁄₃₂, as a mere 28,000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts lost up to £½, while longer-dated issues retreated by about £⅝ and index-linked fell by about £⅜.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.90 points to 5,578.47 at midday after an early rally faded. Advancing shares led declines by 13 to eight.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5578.47 (-15.90)
S&P Composite	644.05 (-0.19)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21744.17 (+319.93)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	11107.37 (-32.51)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	537.08 (+0.15)
Sydney:	
AO	2221.0 (-1.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2503.26 (+8.08)
Singapore:	
Straits	2382.13 (+16.96)
Brussels:	
General	8875.07 (-0.25)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2081.71 (+6.75)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	767.90 (-6.70)
London:	
FT 30	2795.1 (-1.6)
FT 100	3758.6 (+3.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	4377.1 (-8.2)
FT-SE-A 350	1891.7 (+0.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1632.99 (+3.60)
FT A All-Share	1869.86 (+0.33)
FT Non Financials	1995.36 (+0.58)
FT Fixed Interest	111.81 (-0.08)
FT Govt Secs	92.27 (-0.25)
Bargains	40328
SEAQ Volume	619.6m
USM (Datastrm)	210.18 (-0.32)
US$	1.5247 (-0.0033)
German Mark	2.2761 (+0.0139)
Exchange Index	83.9 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1912
£:SDR	n/a
RPI	150.9 Feb (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	150.2 Feb (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Advent VCT	95	...
Aegis Wts	23½	- ½
British Smaller Co's	95	...
Cambridge Wtr	235	...
Close Bros VCT	95	...
Dicom Gp (270)	307	...
Easynet Gp (100)	108	...
First Inf (165)	181	...
Fleming World	53	...
Fulmar	194	...
GT Income Gth Tst	94½	- ½
Gartmore VCT	96	- 1
Guinness Flight VCT	95	...
Hill Sml UK (100)	96	...
Hurlingham Props	80	...
ILP Gp (75)	83	- 1
Life Offices (100)	53½	...
Marine & Merc (125)	125	...
New Asia Fund	693	+ 10
Orange (205)	227½	- 6½
Penine AIM VCT	95	...
Perp Inc & Gth (500)	513	...
Primary Hlth (100)	103	...
Quester VCT	95	+ 5
Raphael Zorn (32)	33	- 1
Scottish Asian	102	...
Silver Shield Gp (3)	3¼	...
Stadium Gp (120)	134	- 1
Systs Integ Res (115)	120	- 2
Taverners Trust Uts	513	...
Triad Gp (135)	184	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Abbott Md n/p (460)	77	- 1
Eidos Uts n/p (675)	45	- 13
Fairway Gp n/p (80)	8	...
GWR Uts UL n/p (205)	6	- 7
VDC n/p (675)	70	- 35

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Smith WH	477p (+13p)
Azlan	552p (+13p)
Misys	747p (+16p)
FALLS:	
Mitel	416p (-18p)
CMG	530p (-18p)
Hambros	241p (-10p)

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Tarnished gold

FANS of gold are getting a little bit impatient at the price of the metal, which stubbornly hovers below the $400 an ounce level, notwithstanding a brief surge at the beginning of the year. Even the threat of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan has done little to excite investors — some had hoped that the political crisis would generate panic conversion of savings into gold. In the event, the Taiwanese opted for dollars instead, causing a temporary shortage of that commodity.

The Taiwanese option ought to raise a slight doubt over the durability of the Asian obsession with gold as a store of value. The steady absorption of the gold supply in jewellery for Asian consumers is a backstop argument for bulls but as economies become more sophisticated, investors may look for even more liquid but reliable investment media.

What is both troubling but reassuring for gold investors is the long-term purchasing power of gold. Using American inflation as a price deflator over the last 35 years, gold ought to be worth $430 an ounce if it is to maintain its value but the metal has failed to maintain its worth for most of the last five years.

Nevertheless, there are some powerful reasons why that could soon change. Demand is growing well ahead of supply and production has undershot demand since the beginning of the 1980s.

Traditionally, gold prices have shot ahead just before periods of rising industrial production. The price premiums of gold mining shares have come down and with US industrial activity turning up we may be in for a price recovery.

Vitec

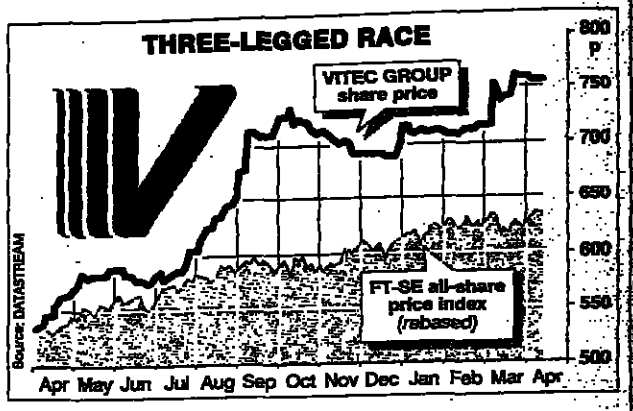
THINK of a dream business and you might come up with something like Vitec. A smallish engineering group which virtually controls the growing market for a lowish technology product, selling it at a 25 per cent operating margin.

Since 1989, Vitec, formerly Vinten, has acquired the two leading camera tripod brands, virtually sewing up the market; and last year the acquisition of Sachtler gave Vitec about three quarters of the world market for studio and external camera mounting equipment.

In a larger arena, such market shares might provoke regulatory attention or at least the arrival of interlopers, leading to a squeeze on its fat margins. However, the group's total sales last year were less than £60 million and in such a discrete market serving American or European broadcasting companies, Vitec is left alone.

Nevertheless, Vitec's success has bred a problem. Earnings will be flattish this year after exponential growth because of a sharply rising tax charge. The company needs a new business; it will eventually sell its small airborne surveillance camera business, a deal that could almost wipe out its debt, leaving scope for a third leg.

That means a new business area, a risk for a company so tightly — and successfully — focused. Meanwhile, shareholders should not be glum. In the absence of a deal, Vitec could easily double its dividend.



Source: DATASTREAM

Dewhirst

DEWHIRST is whirling round in a virtuous circle. The clothing manufacturer is ploughing money into improved working methods and off-shore manufacturing facilities with the pleasing outcome of lower costs and better cash generation.

Dewhirst's close association with M&S, the undisputed king of the high street, is also paying dividends. Dewhirst supplies 85 per cent of its entire output and all its clothing to M&S and, as a result, the manufacturer can piggy-back on the success of the retailer.

These factors reveal themselves in rising sales, sharply higher profits and, best of all, improved trading margins. These now stand at 7.8 per cent, up from 6.8 per cent last time.

There is still room for improvement as Dewhirst continues to benefit from rising revenues, driven by new products and the group's increasing specialisation. Together with efficiency gains and reduced costs from theinvestment programme margins should continue to grow.

Elys

A BLACK cat is prowling around Elys of Wimbledon, a sleepy department store that serves the south London borough, causing its staff some anxiety. Panther Securities is a bit small to swallow Elys whole so it has devised a neat scheme to obtain control while retaining the quotation and offering the department store's investors a partial exit at a premium.

Revealingly, Elys is focusing on the supposed injustice of the two-tier offer structure — 750p for 1 out of 3 shares but only 485p for the balance — rather than the intrinsic value of the bid. The defence rests mainly on two arguments: the risk of being locked in as a minority shareholder in Elys and Panther's lack of experience in retailing.

Elys management ought to blush as it makes the latter point. Its record is poor by any standards. Over the last three years, earnings have plummeted, ending with an operating loss in the year to January. Consultants have been hired in a bid to improve trading and a post office outlet is to open, but sales per square feet are pathetically weak for a store on a prime pitch in an affluent London suburb.

Were Panther to offer 750p per share for the whole lot, it would be knocked down in the rush but a minority stake in a single asset vehicle is less attractive and the listing may not survive. Nevertheless, independent investors who account for less than a third of Elys may already regard themselves as an oppressed minority and Panther has done them a favour by shaking up the management.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	974-973	Jul	1015-1012
Jul	998-997	Sep	unq
Sep	1019-1018	Dec	...
Dec	987-986	Mar	...
Mar	990-989		
May	1000-999		Volume: 3684

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1875-1870	Jan	1798-1785
Jul	1838-1835	Mar	1780-1775
Sep	1826-1818	May	1780-1760
Nov	1819-1812		Volume: 3922

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	332.8-29.5
Spot: 428.5		Mar	323.0-20.5
May	418.8-17.5	May	318.5-10.5
Aug	394.0-93.2	Aug	unq
Oct	346.8-46.2		Volume: 4709

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	114.45	185.57	103.52
(+/-)	-6.99	+20.23	-1.37
Eng/Wales:	113.39	191.32	103.30
(+/-)	-7.89	+21.30	-0.87
(%)	-69.0	-33.0	+286.0
Scotland:	132.19	178.58	105.37
(+/-)	+4.68	+13.54	-7.14
(%)	-30.0	-26.0	+390.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.30	+0.60
Brent 15 day (May)	20.65	+0.65
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.20	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (May)	23.10	+0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.15	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 220 (+11)	O: 222 (+11)
Gasoil EEC	201 (+5)	203 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Apr	197 (+4)	199 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	185 (+4)	187 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	108 (-1)	111 (n/c)
Naphtha	199 (+5)	203 (+7)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Apr	unq	Jul	164.25-64.50
May	179.00 BID	Aug	162.50-62.75
Jun	169.75-70.00		Vol: 18537

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	20.62-20.65	Aug	17.65-17.70
Jun	19.18-19.21	Sep	17.43 SLR
Jul	18.22-18.28		Vol: 42781

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	123.75	May	111.50
Jul	126.75	Sep	109.00
Sep	113.75	Nov	110.55
Nov	115.85	Jan	111.90
Jan	117.60	Mar	114.00
Volume: 515		Volume: 1	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	174.9	169.5
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	...	105.0
		Volume: 109

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

May 98.25-98.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 96	1480	1475	1473
May 96	1407	1400	1400
Jun 96	1340	1330	1333
Jul 96	1310	1301	1306
Vol: 110 lots		Open interest: 4534	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2486.0-2487.0	2477.0-2478.0	1905925
Lead ($/tonne)	837.00-838.00	807.00-808.00	286675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1055.0-1055.5	1080.0-1080.5	579875
Tin ($/tonne)	6425.0-6430.0	6450.0-6455.0	15698
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1604.0-1604.5	1636.5-1637.0	1413850
Nickel ($/tonne)	8030.0-8040.0	8120.0-8130.0	52842

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom	460	38½	43½	52½	0	7½	13½
(*498)	500	6	17½	28½	7	25	31½
Argyll	300	18	25	29	0½	4½	13½
(*317)	330	1	9½	14½	14	27	30
ASDA	100	6½	10½	13	0	3	5
(*106)	110	1	5½	8	4½	7½	10
Boots	550	44½	52½	58½	0	7½	12½
(*594)	600	4½	19½	29½	10	28½	34½
Br Airways	500	36	45½	52	0	9½	14½
(*535)	550	2½	16	25	16½	33	38
BP	550	27½	39	47½	0½	10	16
(*576½)	600	0½	13	22½	24	33½	40
Br Steel	190	16	20	21	0	6	8½
(*195½)	200	1½	8	10½	6	16½	19
C & W	500	29	40	51½	2	17½	22
(*527)	550	2	17½	28	25½	41½	48
CU	550	33	49½	56½	0	8	17½
(*582)	600	2	20½	29	19	30½	42
ICI	850	47½	71½	83½	0½	12½	25
(*896)	900	10	41½	53½	12	31½	46½
Kingfishr	550	22½	41	54½	1	13½	20½
(*570½)	600	1	16	30	29½	39½	46
Land Sec	600	25	33	37	0½	13½	18
(*624)	650	0½	7½	13½	26	46	48½
M & S	420	8½	18½	25½	2	13	18
(*426)	460	0	4	10	34	41½	44
Nat West	600	44	62	71	0	9	10
(*643)	650	5½	32	42½	12½	28½	39½
Sainsbury	360	18	23	29½	1	9½	13
(*377)	390	1	7½	15	14½	26½	29½
Shell	850	22	44	56½	1	13	22½
(*869½)	900	1	17	28½	30½	38	46½
Smkl Bch	650	35½	51½	66	1	13	20½
(*684½)	700	2½	24	39	18	35	43½
Storehse	330	13½	23½	31	1	10	14½
(*342½)	360	1	9	17	18	26½	30½
Trafalgar	50	0½	2	2½	0½	1½	2½
(*50)	60	0	0	0	10	10	10
Unilever	1150	40½	73½	97½	0½	10½	17½
(*1194½)	1200	9½	41	65½	11½	28½	36
Zeneca	1350	53	103½	131	3	29	44½
(*1399)	1400	18½	74½	103½	17½	49	66½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	420	14½	23½	32½	9	19½	23½
(*422)	460	3	8½	16½	38	45½	49½
Ladbroke	180	12½	21	25½	7½	12½	16
(*184)	200	4½	12	17½	19	24	27
Utd Bisc	240	12½	21	26	5	10	14½
(*244)	260	5	12	17½	17½	21½	25½

April 9, 1996 Tot: 27094 Call: 17342 Put: 9752 FT-SE Call: 5292 Put: 3845

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	500	37½	46	54½	0	6	10½
(*537)	550	1½	15	25½	14½	27½	32
Thames W	550	28½	38½	45	0½	15	19
(*577½)	600	1	12	20	23	44½	47½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	500	23½	39	46	9½	24½	28½
(*510)	550	5	17	24½	41½	54	57½
BTR	300	23½	31½	34½	0½	4	8
(*321)	330	4	13	17	11½	16	21½
Br Aero	850	30½	60	76	19	35½	46½
(*858)	900	10	36½	52	49½	63	73
Br Telcm	360	23	32	38	4	15	18½
(*378)	390	6½	15½	19	18	31	34½
Cadbury	460	33½	47	54	3½	8½	16
(*487)	500	10	23½	32	19½	27	33½
Guinness	420	43½	54	59½	0½	4½	9
(*459½)	460	13	27½	33½	9	17½	23
GEC	360	23	30½	35½	3	11½	14½
(*378½)	390	6	14	20½	16	27	30
Hanson	180	9	12½	16½	2½	6	10½
(*186½)	200	1	4	8	14	18	22½
LASMO	180	11½	19½	24	7	9	11½
(*184½)	200	3½	11	15	19	19½	22½
Lucas	200	13	19½	23	4	8½	13
(*210½)	220	3	9½	13	14½	19	23½
Pilkingtn	191	16½	21½	—	1	6	—
(*205)	210	4½	11½	—	8½	15	—
Prudential	420	29½	44	49½	4	10½	16½
(*443½)	460	7½	21	28½	21½	28½	35½
Redland	390	11	20	27	17	24½	30
(*391½)	420	1½	10	16	41½	45½	49½
R-Royce	220	7	15	20½	8½	14	16½
(*221)	240	1½	7½	12½	23½	26½	29
Tesco	280	7	15	19½	10½	16½	20½
(*282)	300	1½	8	12	26½	29	33
Vodafone	240	16½	24½	31	4½	11½	15
(*251½)	260	6	14½	20½	14	21½	25
Williams	300	16½	19½	22½	5	8	12
(*314)	330	1½	6½	9½	26	27	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*3759½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Apr	106½	63	30	10	1½	1
May	128	91	61½	38	21	11
Jun	150½	116	85½	62	42½	27½
Jul	170	139½	109	85½	63	47
Dec	—	214	—	163	—	118
Puts						
Apr	4	11½	28½	60	106	156
May	23	36	56	83½	118	159
Jun	43	59	78½	105	135½	171
Jul	58½	77½	97	123½	151½	186
Dec	—	130	—	177½	—	232½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	550	32	43	54	13½	24	28
(*562)	600	10½	20	31	43	52	55½
Amstrad	180	12	18½	21½	9	13	15
(*181½)	200	4½	10	13½	21½	24½	26½
Barclays	700	43½	57	67½	13	24½	29
(*723½)	750	17½	30½	42½	37½	49½	54½
Blue Circ	330	25½	34	39	7	13½	17
(*345)	360	10	18	24	22	28½	32
Br Gas	220	21	22½	25½	4	7½	11
(*239)	240	8	12	15½	14½	17½	21½
Dixons	460	22	31½	42	16½	27	29½
(*461½)	500	7	15½	25	42½	51	53
Forte	343	32½	36	—	0½	1	—
(*366½)	373	10	13½	—	6½	8½	—
Tarmac	120	10	14½	16½	6	8½	11½
(*125½)	130	5½	10	12	11½	14	16½
Hillsdwn	160	18½	19½	20	2½	5½	7
(*178)	180	4½	7½	10	12½	15	17
Lonrho	200	19½	23	28	3	6½	8½
(*214)	220	8	12	17½	11½	15½	17½
Sears	90	10½	12	13½	1	3	4½
(*99½)	100	3½	7	8	5½	7½	9
Thorn	1700	126	153½	177½	36	53	70
(*1776)	1800	70½	100	124½	77½	102½	116
Tomkins	240	24	28	31	2½	7	9
(*258½)	260	11	15½	19½	9	16	18
Lloyds TSB	292	33	—	—	3	—	—
(*318)	322	14	—	—	14	—	—
	Series	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo W	800	16½	45½	62½	5½	26½	41
(*809)	850	1½	24	39	41	54	69½
HSBC	1000	20	67½	86	10	39½	58½
(*1010)	1050	2½	44	62	42	66½	84½
Reuter	750	21	51	67	4	23½	34½
(*760½)	800	1½	27	42½	34½	51½	60
	Series	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Royal Ins	360	9½	26	33½	4	15	22½
(*365½)	390	0½	13	20½	25	32	39
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Fisons	260	7	—	—	9½	—	—
(*265)	280	0½	—	—	19½	—	—
	Series	**May**			**May**		
Eastrn Gp	950	31	—	—	0½	—	—
(*975)	1000	1½	—	—	25	—	—
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	460	40½	43½	50½	8½	14½	18½
(*493)	500	16½	21½	29½	27½	33½	38
Scot Pwr	330	35	40½	43½	3	7	9
(*358½)	360	15	21½	25½	11	19½	22

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 60360	Jun 96	3738.0	3771.0	3738.0	3759.0	8548
	Sep 96				3768.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3519	Jun 96				4395.0	0
	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 337432	Jun 96	93.91	93.94	93.90	93.94	13913
	Sep 96	93.70	93.74	93.69	93.74	10139
	Dec 96	93.30	93.36	93.29	93.35	10680
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 0	Mar 96					
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1033574	Jun 96	96.76	96.78	96.75	96.78	16379
	Sep 96	96.63	96.70	96.63	96.69	19121
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 120449	Jun 96	104-30	105-12	104-25	105-09	27969
	Sep 96				104-06	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	118.45	118.64	118.45	118.57	2328
	Sep 96	117.40	117.53	117.40	117.48	67
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 225787	Jun 96	95.75	96.30	95.68	96.25	123562
	Sep 96	95.30	95.32	95.30	95.39	20
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 20803	Jun 96	95.44	95.50	95.44	95.50	1605
	Sep 96	95.44	95.45	95.43	95.45	364
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 56128	Jun 96	98.15	98.23	98.15	98.17	4943
	Sep 96	98.10	98.12	98.08	98.08	1875
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 43542	Jun 96	108.95	109.94	108.76	109.89	32942
	Sep 96				109.34	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5¹¹⁄₁₆ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5²⁹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 5²⁷⁄₃₂. Sell: 2 mth 5²⁷⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 5¹³⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5²⁷⁄₃₂	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5¹³⁄₁₆	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₃₂-5³¹⁄₃₂	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₃₂	6³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₃₂
Interbank:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₃₂-5³¹⁄₃₂	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₃₂	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6¹¹⁄₃₂

Overnight: open 6, close 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	5³¹⁄₃₂	6¹⁄₃₂	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.40	n/a	5.43	5.47	5.78
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3½-2½
French Franc:	4-3¾	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-4¹⁄₁₆	4⅛-4⅛	4½-3½
Swiss Franc:	1¹³⁄₁₆-1¹¹⁄₁₆	1⅞-1¾	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	2-1
Yen:	½-¼	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⅝-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $398.00-398.30 Close: $395.80-396.30 High: $398.00-398.30 Low: $395.05-395.55 AM: $397.60 PM: $396.30

Krugerrand: $395.00-398.00 (£259.25-261.25)

Platinum: $408.75 (£268.20) Silver: $5.53 (£3.635) Palladium: $139.50 (£91.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for April 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5298-2.5426	2.5393-2.5426	⅝-½pr	2-1¾pr
Brussels	46.51-46.78	46.67-46.77	13-9pr	34-28pr
Copenhagen	8.7350-8.7880	8.7740-8.7880	1½-1¼pr	4½-3½pr
Dublin	0.9677-0.9709	0.9677-0.9703	9-6pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2641-2.2763	2.2731-2.2763	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	232.92-234.41	233.75-234.37	⅛-⅝ds	½-1⅛ds
Madrid	189.10-190.27	189.99-190.27	26-36ds	79-96ds
Milan	2389.1-2395.7	2389.1-2393.1	7-9ds	21-23ds
Montreal	2.0659-2.0760	2.0701-2.0731	0.21-0.12pr	0.35-0.22pr
New York	1.5242-1.5300	1.5242-1.5252	0.08-0.06pr	0.20-0.17pr
Oslo	9.8050-9.8460	9.8310-9.8460	1½-⅞pr	3½-2⅞pr
Paris	7.7140-7.7530	7.7360-7.7500	1½-1¼pr	3½-3¼pr
Stockholm	10.203-10.245	10.216-10.239	⅛-⅝ds	⅛-⅝ds
Tokyo	164.79-165.18	164.79-165.06	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	15.916-16.007	15.980-16.007	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-⅞pr
Zurich	1.8268-1.8398	1.8366-1.8394	⅞-⅝pr	2-1¾pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2709-1.2717
Austria	10.48-10.49
Belgium (Com)	30.65-30.69
Canada	1.3549-1.3554
Denmark	1.4913-1.4922
France	7.7326-7.7336
Germany	1.4908-1.4912
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.5723-1.5738
Italy	1569.58-1571.08
Japan	108.15-108.25
Malaysia	2.5328-2.5333
Netherlands	1.6648-1.6658
Norway	6.4493-6.4568
Portugal	153.48-153.57
Singapore	1.4072-1.4077
Spain	124.61-124.71
Sweden	6.7100-6.7200
Switzerland	1.2055-1.2065

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5247-1.5273
Australia dollar	1.9383-1.9408
Bahrain dinar	0.5705-0.5825
Brazil real*	1.4911-1.4952
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7025-0.7125
Finland markka	7.0375-7.1535
Greece drachma	364.0-371.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.7905-11.7990
India rupee	51.90-52.86
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4525-0.4625
Malaysia ringgit	3.8608-3.8649
New Zealand dollar	2.2319-2.2349
Pakistan rupee	52.61 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5050-5.6000
Singapore dollar	2.1454-2.1476
S Africa rand (com)	6.2460-6.3480
U A E dirham	5.5550-5.6790

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,400	Land Secs	271
ASDA Gp	2,900	Legal & Gn	1,400
Abbey Ntl	3,600	Lloyds TSB	5,200
Allied Dom	772	Marks Spr	2,700
Argos	2,100	NatWst Bk	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,900	Nat Grid	2,400
AB Foods	969	Nat Power	3,100
BAA	1,100	P & O	2,800
BAT Inds	6,100	Pearson	2,900
BOC	881	Pilkington	3,000
BP	9,400	PowerGen	1,700
BSkyB	339	Prudential	1,900
BTR	6,900	REXAM	1,300
BT	4,800	RMC	192
Bk of Scot	981	RTZ	2,200
Barclays	2,100	Rank Org	2,800
Bass	2,400	Reckitt Col	202
Blue Circle	1,900	Redland	1,700
Boots	1,200	Reed Intl	1,600
BAe	2,500	Rentokil	4,200
BA	1,400	Reuters	3,200
Brit Gas	10,000	Rolls Royce	3,500
Brit Steel	921	Royal Ins	1,000
Burmah Cstl	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	640
Burton	6,500	Sainsbury	1,700
Cable Wire	2,900	Schroders	272
Cadbury	4,600	Scot & New	948
Carlton Cms	1,500	Scot Power	402
Cm Union	627	Svrn Trent	234
Cookson	2,500	Shell Trans	3,500
Courtaulds	150	Siebe	484
Dixons	876	SmKl Bch	2,500
Enterpr Oil	1,800	Smith Nph	4,000
For & Col IT	1,300	Smiths Inds	257
GKN	549	Sthern Elec	824
GRE	1,200	Std Chartd	1,100
GUS	1,100	Sun Allnce	2,000
Gen Acc	851	TI Gp	254
Gen Elec	3,300	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Glaxo Well	3,200	Tesco	3,600
Granada	2,300	Thames W	325
Grand Met	6,400	Thrn EMI	512
Greenalls	546	Tomkins	4,400
Guinness	4,100	Unilever	9,900
HSBC	2,400	United Utils	403
Hanson	13,000	Vodafone	3,800
ICI	1,200	Whitbread	886
Kingfisher	1,600	Wlms Hld	2,200
LASMO	2,800	Wolseley	2,700
Ladbroke	5,100	Zeneca	641

WALL STREET

	Apr 9 midday	Apr 8 close
AMP Inc	41¼	42
AMR Corp	90⅝	90⅞
ASA	46⅛	47⅛
AT & T	60⅛	60½
Abbott Labs	42½	43⅛
Advanced Micro	17⅛	18⅛
Aetna Life	72½	73⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	23⅝	23⅞
Air Prod & Chem	54⅛	54⅛
AirTouch Comm	29⅝	29⅝
Alberto-Culver B	38⅛	38
Albertson's	36⅛	36⅝
Alcan Alumnm	32⅛	32⅛
Alco Standard	51⅛	52⅛
Allied Signal	56⅝	57⅛
Alum Co of Am	64⅛	63⅞
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	7
Amerada Hess	57⅛	56⅛
Amer Brands	43⅝	43⅝
Amer El Power	40⅛	39⅝
Amer Express	48⅞	48⅝
Amer Genl Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Amer Home Pr	107⅛	108⅝
Amer Intl	91	91⅛
Amer Stores	32⅛	32⅝
Amer Standard	29⅝	28⅝
Ameritech	53⅞	53⅛
Amoco	73⅛	73⅛
Anheuser-Busch	68	68⅝
Apple Computer	25⅛	24⅝
Archer Daniels	18⅛	18⅝
Armco	5⅛	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	58⅝	58⅛
Asarco	34⅛	34
Ashland Oil	39	38⅛
Atl Richfield	121⅛	122
Auto Data Pro	38⅛	39
Avery Dennison	56⅛	55⅞
Avon Products	91	90⅞
Baker Hughes	29⅞	28⅝
Baltim Gas & El	27	26⅞
Banc One	34⅛	35⅛
BankAmerica	76⅛	76
Bank of NY	50⅛	50⅞
Bankers Tr NY	69⅛	69⅝
Barnett Banks	61⅛	61⅛
Bausch & Lomb	37	36⅞
Baxter Intl	44	44⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	79⅛	81
Bell Atlantic	59⅞	60⅛
Bell Industries	21⅛	21⅛
BellSouth	36⅛	35⅛
Black & Decker	36⅛	36⅛
Block (H&R)	36	36⅝
Boeing	81⅛	82⅛
Boise Cascade	41⅛	40⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	84⅞	89⅛
Browning Ferris	31⅛	31⅛
Brunswick	23	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	80⅛	79⅛
CMS Energy Corp	28⅛	28⅛
CNA Financial	105⅝	105⅛
CPC Intl	68⅛	68⅛
CSX	45⅛	44⅛
Campbell Soup	59⅝	59⅝
Can Pacific	19⅝	19⅛
Carolina Pwr	35⅝	35⅛
Caterpillar	67⅝	67⅝
Central & SW	27⅞	27⅝
Champion Intl	46⅛	44⅝
Chase Manhat	70⅛	70⅝
Chevron Corp	56⅝	56⅛
Chrysler	61⅛	61⅛
Chubb Corp	91⅛	92⅝
Cigna Corp	109⅝	107⅛
Citicorp	79⅞	79⅝
Clorox	84⅛	85⅛
Coastal Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Coca Cola	82	82⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	77⅝	77⅞
Columbia Gas	45⅛	44⅛
ColumbiaHCA	52⅛	52⅛
Compaq Comp	39⅝	40
Comp Ass Intl	70⅝	71⅛
Conagra	41⅛	41
Conrail	70⅛	70⅝
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45⅛	44⅛
Cooper Inds	39	39⅛
Corestates	42	41⅛
Corning Inc	34⅝	34⅝
Crown Cork	47	47⅝
Dana Corp	33⅞	33
Dayton Hudson	85⅛	86⅛
Deere	44⅛	43
Delta Air Lines	80⅛	80⅝
Deluxe Corp	32	32⅛
Digital Equip	54⅛	55⅛
Dillard Dept St	33⅞	33
Disney (Walt)	63⅛	64⅛
Dominion Res	38⅛	38⅛
Donelley (RR)	36⅛	36⅛
Dover Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Dow Chemical	88⅞	88⅞
Dow Jones	36⅛	37⅛
Dresser	30⅛	30⅛
Duke Power	47⅛	48
Dun & Brdstreet	59⅞	59⅛
Du Pont	82⅛	83⅛
Eastman Chem	67⅛	66⅛
Eastman Kodak	69⅛	69⅛
Eaton Corp	61⅛	61⅛
Edison Int	16⅛	16
Emerson Elec	81⅛	81⅛
Engelhard Corp	23	23
Enron Corp	37⅛	36⅝
Entergy	26⅝	26⅞
Ethyl Corp	10	10⅛
Exxon	83⅝	83⅛
FMC Corp	72⅞	73⅝
FPL Group	44	44⅛
Federal Express	73⅝	71⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	30⅝	32⅛
First Bk Sys	59⅛	59⅝
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	40⅛	41
Fluor Corp	67⅛	66
Ford Motor	35⅞	35⅛
GTE Corp	42	41⅛
Gannett	66	66⅛
Gap Inc Del	52⅞	51⅝
Gen Dynamics	59⅛	58⅝
Gen Electric	78⅛	79⅛
Gen Mills	56⅝	56⅛
Gen Motors	54⅛	54⅝
Gen Reinsurance	144⅛	144⅛
Gen Signal	36⅛	35⅝
Genuine Parts	44⅛	44⅛
Georgia Pac	70⅛	68⅛
Gillette	51⅛	50⅝
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24⅝	24⅝
Goodrich (BF)	41⅛	39⅝
Goodyear Tire	51⅛	51
Grace (W&R)	76⅛	77⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	34	33⅛
Great Wstn Fin	23⅝	23⅛
Halliburton	58	56⅛
Harcourt General	44⅛	44⅝
Heinz (HJ)	33⅛	33
Hercules	59⅝	60
Hershey Foods	75⅛	76⅝
Hewlett Packard	96	97⅛
Hilton Hotels	95⅛	95⅝
Home Depot	46	45⅞
Homestake Mng	20⅛	20⅝
Honeywell	55⅛	55⅝
Household Intl	67⅝	67⅛
Houston Inds	21⅛	21⅛
Humana	25⅞	25⅝
ITT Corp	61⅛	62⅛
Illinois Tool	64⅝	64⅝
Illinova	26⅝	26⅛
INCO	31⅛	31⅛
Ingersoll Rand	39⅛	39⅛
Inland Steel	26⅛	26⅝
Intel Corp	61⅛	60⅝
IBM	118⅝	119⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	48⅝	48⅝
Intl Paper	39⅝	38⅛
James River Va	24⅛	24⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	91⅝	92⅝
Kellogg	73⅝	74⅛
Kerr-McGee	65⅝	64⅝
Kimberly-Clark	74⅛	75
Kmart	9⅛	9
Knight-Ridder	66⅛	67⅛
Lilly (Eli)	63	63
Limited Inc	18⅛	18⅛
Lincoln Nat	49⅛	49⅝
Litton	44⅛	41⅛
Liz Claiborne	34⅛	33⅝
Lockheed Martin	76⅛	77⅛
Louisiana Pac	23⅝	23⅝
MCI Comm	27⅞	28
Marriott Int	48⅝	48
Marsh & McLnn	89	90⅛
Masco Corp	27⅛	27⅝
May Dept St	48	46⅞
Maytag Corp	19⅞	19⅛
McDonalds	47⅛	47⅞
McDonnell D	89⅛	89⅛
McGraw Hill	86⅝	86⅛
Mead Corp	54	53⅝
Medtronic	56⅛	57⅛
Mellon Bk	54	53⅝
Melville Corp	37⅝	37
Merck Inc	61⅛	61⅞
Merrill Lynch	58⅝	58⅛
Microsoft	102⅝	103⅝
Minnesota Mine	64⅛	64⅛
Mobil Corp	116⅛	116⅝
Monsanto	152⅝	152⅛
Morgan (JP)	80⅛	81⅛
Motorola Inc	51⅛	52⅛
Natl Semi	14⅝	14⅝
Natl Service Ind	38⅛	37⅝
Navistar Int	10⅛	10⅝
NY Times A	31⅛	31⅛
Newmont Mng	57⅛	58⅛
Niag Mohawk	6⅝	6⅛
Nike B	78⅛	80⅝
NL Industries	12	11⅛
Noram Energy	8⅛	8⅝
Northrop	46⅛	46⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	82⅝	82⅝
Nthn State Pwr	47⅛	47
Norwest Corp	36⅛	35⅛
Nynex Corp	49⅞	50⅝
Occidental Pet	25⅝	25⅝
Ohio Edison	21⅛	21⅛
Oracle	40⅛	43⅛
Oryx Energy Co	14⅛	14⅝
Owens Corning	39⅛	39⅛
PHH Corp	54⅝	54⅛
PPG Industries	49⅛	49⅝
PNC Bank	30⅛	30⅛
PP&L Res	23	23⅝
Paccar Inc	47⅞	48⅛
Pacificorp	20⅞	20⅝
Pac Enterprises	26⅝	26⅝
Pac Gas & Elec	23	23
Pac Telesis	32⅛	32⅝
Pall Corp	27⅞	27⅝
Panhandle East	32	31⅛
Parker Hannifin	37⅛	37⅛
Peco Energy	25⅞	25⅝
Penney (JC)	48⅝	48⅛
Pennzoil	40⅛	40⅞
Pepsico	62⅛	62⅝
Pfizer	69⅝	69⅝
Pharm & Upjhn	38⅛	39⅝
Phelps Dodge	70⅝	69⅝
Philip Morris	89⅛	90⅝
Phillips Pet	39⅝	39
Pitney Bowes	49	49
Polaroid	43⅝	44⅛
PriceCostco	17⅞	17⅝
Procter & Gmbl	84⅛	84⅝
Providian	45⅛	44⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28⅝	28⅝
Quaker Oats	33⅛	33
Ralston Purina	63⅝	64
Raychem Corp	64⅝	64⅛
Raytheon	51⅛	51⅞
Reebok Intl	26⅛	26⅝
Reynolds Metals	61⅛	59⅛
Rockwell Intl	57⅛	56⅛
Rohm & Haas	66⅛	65⅛
Royal Dutch	146	144⅝
Rubbermaid	28⅛	28⅛
SBC Comms	47⅛	47⅝
Safeco Corp	32⅞	33⅛
St Paul's Cos	55	55⅛
Salomon Inc	38⅝	39⅛
Sara Lee Corp	32⅛	32⅛
Schering Plough	60⅛	61⅛
Schlumberger	85⅝	84⅛
Seagram	32⅝	32⅛
Sears Roebuck	48	47
Shell Trans	80⅛	81⅛
Sherwin Wlms	43⅞	43⅝
Skyline Corp	24⅝	24
Snap-On-Tools	45⅝	46⅛
Southern Co	23⅝	23⅞
Sprint Corp	38	38
Stanley Works	56⅞	56⅞
Sun Company	28⅝	28⅛
Sun Microsys	46⅛	46
Suntrust	69	69⅞
Supervalu	31⅛	31⅞
Sysco Corp	33⅞	32⅝
TRW Inc	90⅛	90⅛
TCC Inds	2⅞	2⅞
Tandem Comp	8⅛	8⅛
Tandy Corp	48	48⅝
Teledyne	33⅞	32⅛
Temple Inland	46⅝	46
Tenneco	56⅛	56⅝
Texaco	86⅝	87⅛
Texas Inst	52⅝	52⅝
Texas Utilities	40⅛	40
Textron	82⅝	82
Time Warner	40⅛	40⅛
Times-Mirror A	39	38⅝
Timken	45⅛	46⅛
Torchmark	43⅝	43⅛
Toys R Us	26⅝	26
Transamerica	75⅛	75⅝
Travelers	62⅝	62⅝
Tribune	69⅛	66⅛
Tyco Labs	36⅛	36⅛
UST Inc	31⅛	32⅛
UAL	218⅝	218⅞
US Inds	21⅞	21
USX Marathon	20⅝	19⅛
Unicom	26⅝	26⅛
Unilever NV	134⅛	134⅝
Union Camp	50⅝	49⅛
Union Carbide	48⅛	48⅝
Union Pacific	67	66⅝
Unisys Corp	5⅝	5⅛
USAIR Group	19	18⅛
USF&G Corp	15⅝	15⅛
US Life	28⅝	29
United Tech	111⅛	111⅛
Unocal Corp	33⅛	33⅝
VF Corp	54⅝	54⅝
WMX Tech	32⅝	32⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	22⅛	22⅛
Warner-Lambert	114⅛	113⅛
Wells Fargo	253⅝	252
Westinghouse El	19⅝	19⅝
Weyerhaeuser	47⅛	46
Whirlpool	56⅞	56⅛
Whitman	23⅛	23⅝
Winn Dixie	33⅝	32⅞
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	57	57⅝
Xerox	127⅛	126⅛
Yellow Corp	12⅝	12⅞

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Nasdaq slows Demon Dan

NASDAQ, the New York over-the-counter share market, is instituting a new rule that allows it to suspend the shares of any stock tipped by Dan Dorfman, the demon tipster of the CNBC TV channel.

The controversial Mr Dorfman, America's best-known stock market journalist, has such a spectacular effect on share prices whenever he mentions a company, that Nasdaq wants to limit wild price flunctuations. The suspensions promise to become a daily event, since Mr Dorfman makes several of his frenetic TV presentations each day, often tipping a selection of stocks.

Sidelined

RED FACES all round at Railtrack as it realises that the UK's leading rail city is without a shareshop for the forthcoming decentralisation. York, a major rail centre during the nineteenth century which built rail coaches until only a few months ago and is the headquarters of East Coast Mainline, has been left off the map. Thousands of rail pensioners and current rail staff in York will have to travel to shareshops in Harrogate, Northallerton or Scarborough, to register their interest.

OSTRICH FARMING LOOKED A SOUND INVESTMENT

Lap of luxury

BROWN'S HOTEL, the setting for Alexander Graham Bell's first successful telephone call in Britain, has secured another first. It is the only hotel in the world to offer Reuter's Business Briefing information service — at a price. Captains of industry, who pay as much as £600 per night to stay at the exclusive Mayfair hotel, are handing over an extra £55 per day to hire a lap-top computer to access the service.

Celebrity cakes

MEG RYAN and Bruce Springsteen were among the first passengers to sample a £100,000 deal struck between British Airways and Jane Asher, the celebrity cake cooker. Asher will bake cakes for BA international flights to mark special occasions, including Halloween, and Christmas. Asher, whose contract includes a number of free first-class flights, made the most of her new deal last week on a trip to South Africa to film a biscuit commercial. She handed out the inaugural batch of cakes in the shape of spring flowerpots.

Norman castle

TOP golfers have agreed to compete in a head-to-head match at entrepreneur Peter de Savary's 7,500-acre playground for millionaires, the Carnegie Club in Scotland. Greg Norman, the world's number one golfer, and US Open champion Corey Pavin, have agreed to tee off this July against the background of Skibo Castle for a match to be broadcast on American TV. Norman, dubbed The Great White Shark, has been a member of the £2,000-a-year club since it opened last year, and Greg Norman's Australian Meat Pie is a regular feature on the clubhouse menu.

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CHRISTOPHER MORRIS

The urban wasteland of Detroit, a city abandoned by a million people in 30 years but now aiming to revitalise its core with public and private funding

Motown begins drive back from its decades of decay

Ian Brodie on a comeback by Detroit as people power foils the street gangs

Visitors to Detroit are appalled by the sight of thousands of abandoned buildings. One even has its own historic marker. It commemorates the spot where Henry Ford set up the first assembly line for mass production, in 1913, and where, eventually, 9,000 Model T Fords could be turned out in a single day.

The marker notes, with unintended irony, that mass production set the pattern of abundance for life in the 20th century. It is all too obvious that good fortune has long since passed the old factory by. The roof and windows are broken. Its forecourt is cracked and strewn with litter. Across the street, the art deco shell of a Sears department store has been boarded up for years.

Similar clumps of forsaken buildings scar the eight-mile Woodward Avenue corridor that runs from the city limits into the heart of Detroit, where ageing skyscrapers stand empty. Numerous endeavours fell victim to the scourge, including cinemas, churches, banks, undertakers, motels, garages, cafés and bowling alleys. The side streets are pockmarked with derelict houses. Many were once graceful dwellings. Now their verandahs sag and the gardens are choked with weeds and junk.

In little over 30 years, Detroit lost 200,000 jobs and nearly one million residents. One-third of its businesses and half of its population fled. What had begun as a drift to the encircling suburbs became a stampede of white and black flight after the race riots of 1967, in which 43 people were killed and more than 400 buildings were burned. Those left behind were mostly the poor and elderly. Detroit's total of empty premises reached 15,000. No other American city suffered the distress of so great an exodus.

Now, after several false starts, Motown is rolling up its sleeves, determined to reverse the decades of decay.

Leading the charge is Detroit's mayor, Dennis Archer, an astute and energetic politician. Like nearly 80 per cent of Detroit, Mr Archer is black, a crucial ingredient for his credibility and effectiveness. He admits that when he took office three years ago, he inherited a dysfunctional city. Red tape was rife. City Hall's bills went unpaid for months. Phones rang unanswered. Computers sat idle. Municipal workers were demoralised.

Conservatives demanded widespread privatisation of city departments, but Mr Archer believed that government should not arbitrarily decide to do less. Instead, he formed "turnaround teams" to examine every crevice of the city's operations and to discover how they could perform better, but more thriftily. The teams were drawn from city employees, trades unions and the corporate community. Ways were found to streamline services and to instil leadership.

The coalition forged between private and public interests was then expanded for a new task. More than a thousand participants joined forces to craft a plan for Detroit's future that would win over Mr Archer's friend and fellow Democrat in the White House, Bill Clinton. It worked.

President Clinton agreed to make Detroit an "empowerment zone" with a gift of $100 million to ease the urban blight and tax breaks for any business — American or foreign — willing to set up shop in the zone. In a remarkable rallying of support, an additional $2 billion has been pledged in private-development commitments by banks, corporations and foundations.

One British company is preparing to open a branch in the zone, if its bid to sell vehicle parts to Ford is successful. Mr Archer paints a rosy picture, but newcomers should brace themselves for a resurgence of trade union solidarity, as seen in the United Auto Workers' showdown with General Motors and the long strike against Detroit's two main newspapers.

A second public-private alliance has just made a start on buying up 80 or so of the lifeless buildings that give Detroit's city centre the feel of a modern Acropolis. Their targets include Hudson's, a 25-storey hulk that was once the Selfridges of the Midwest, and the shuttered Statler Hotel, formerly a byword for elegance.

The plan to revitalise the city's core will mean either demolishing or refurbishing the dead buildings to make way for boutiques, offices, places of entertainment and lofts for rent to young professionals. It will take a lot of goodwill, but Detroit's Big Three — Ford, Chrysler and General Motors — are among the corporate sponsors solidly behind the project.

The would-be saviours of Detroit have scant patience for a provocative proposal by a cityscape photographer, Camilo Jose Vergara, that several blocks of the pre-Depression skyscrapers should be left standing as a national historic park of urban ruins. In his recent book, *The New American Ghetto*, Mr Vergara argued that the park would serve both as a monument to the fear of racism and as a warning to future planners of how quickly a city can plunge from prosperity to despair.

For all Mr Archer's efforts, Detroit still has a severe image problem. Crime is declining, but a series of bizarre episodes has accentuated the notion of a city on the edge.

The figure-skating champion Nancy Kerrigan suffered the crippling attack on her knee in Detroit. In another case, a terrified woman escaped attackers by jumping to her death from a bridge as callous, jeering onlookers urged her on. First reports overlooked the fact that two men risked their lives trying to save the woman from drowning while others in the crowd frantically called police on cellular phones. Recently, a mother reportedly sold her 15-year-old son for $1,000 to pay a crack cocaine debt. Further investigation showed that he had volunteered to work for the drug dealers.

Detroit's flourishing underworld had long proved impenetrable to outside scrutiny. Now an intense FBI effort has led to 17 arrests. Among those detained is the reputed crime boss, Jack Tocco, described as one of America's most powerful Mafia figures. The accused have been linked to a 30-year trail of extortion, racketeering, illegal gambling and violence.

Nothing brought greater infamy to Detroit than the annual convulsion before Hallowe'en known as Devil's Night. Dozens of gangs roamed the streets setting fire to abandoned structures and sometimes to those still occupied. Last year, the madness ended. In a remarkable marshalling of local pride, Mr Archer recruited 30,000 volunteers to patrol the streets and to report suspicious activity. As a result, the gangs stayed at home and there were fewer fires than on a normal night.

Mr Archer has just received further confirmation that his reforms have the support of working folk as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Voters gave him an overwhelming mandate to build a new stadium for the city's major-league baseball club, the Detroit Tigers. He argued persuasively that the project was pivotal to reviving the downtown wasteland and would attract new pubs, restaurants and hotels for thousands of fans.

Sceptics were less sure, but Mr Archer's enthusiasm is infectious. He claims that Detroit's loss of population has bottomed out at a shade over one million and that the next census will show an increase. New houses are going up, a novelty for Detroit. Unemployment has dropped more than five percentage points, to 8.2 per cent — a rate comparable to that in Britain.

Mr Archer claims, justifiably, that business confidence is returning. As he puts it: "Detroit is more than on its way back, we're on our way to becoming the new city of tomorrow." Maybe, but tomorrow will take a while to come.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Wall Street is getting used to good news

Given that the employment figures the previous Friday were a genuine surprise, this week's display of steady nerves in the US markets was impressive.

There was advance warning calculated (deliberately?) to shake out nervous sellers, but the final fall in the Dow on Monday was only 1.5 per cent. Long-term interest rates have risen by less than 20 basis points. The story is solid evidence for this column's firm belief that derivatives and programme trading, which bring risk out into the open and price it, make markets less, not more, volatile.

But the real question is not about the market, but about the US economy. Why was the good news about jobs so surprising? And will New York keep its nerve if the good news goes on, as it seems likely to do for some time?

The central difficulty about reading the trends in the US is to sort out the effects of the normal determinants of growth — incomes, money and wealth — which are all solidly bullish, from those of enormous and very rapid structural changes, which produce a recession-like picture.

Consumer real incomes have been rising at an annual rate of 3.5 per cent over the last six months. Sales of houses and cars are buoyant — or in the case of cars and other durables, growing explosively (a 6.6 per cent annual rate over the last half-year). The broad money supply, M2, was rising so fast up to March that the only reaction was to try to explain it away (though it then fell); and Wall Street is up some 30 per cent.

The rational response to indicators like these would be to fear early overheating. The picture is disturbingly like that of 1994, when robust growth pushed long bond yields to more than 8 per cent for a time; and bond market vigilantes draw an even more sinister parallel with the credit boom of 1986, which did trigger inflation, not to mention a 30 per cent stock market "correction".

The other side of the picture is the steady tranformation of the US into a part-time service economy. Output is gently rising, despite some reported inventory problems, but employment in manufacturing has gone on falling by an average of 27,000 a month for the last year (and no less than 62,000 in the "strong" March report).

This reflects the export of jobs to low-wage Mexico, within NAFTA, and other Latin American countries. It also explains why Patrick Buchanan has been able to frighten the Republican establishment with a largely protectionist campaign in the primaries.

More important for the markets, the structural change helps to account for the job insecurity which has so far kept wage growth subdued, in spite of the strike at General Motors.

Meanwhile, the service sector itself — the growth sector of the economy — is, as here, becoming increasingly part-time. The household jobs survey does not attract the big headlines which greet the employment report, but the fact that 38 per cent of the new March jobs are shown as part-time (up from 14 per cent a year earlier) deserves more attention. It means that this sector, which is largely non-unionised, is becoming more flexible.

There are other promising signs that non-inflationary growth may still have some way to run. The huge surge in investment spending, which began to tail off a year ago, seems to have been decidedly premature: the Fed's measure of capacity utilisation is still well below 83 per cent, far below the danger level. This also suggests that as output responds to higher demand, there should be a renewed surge in productivity, offsetting worries about unit labour costs.

Any boom is likely to be restrained. Credit card delinquencies have been rising and lenders are belatedly remembering prudence. So while more good news does seem likely, not so good as to be really frightening.

The improving economy will lift spirits at the White House

Loyal Lloyd's names the losers

From A. J. Welford

Sir, The "affordable Lloyd's" settlement offer means exactly the opposite to many loyal names who have begged and borrowed to pay their losses and trade through, to support Lloyd's, and is manifestly unfair. They face a so-called cap of up to £100,000, but this is on top of losing all their funds at Lloyd's. These include their triple profits release, which they needed to pay creditors, litigation settlement offers and guarantees at Lloyd's.

Many names, encouraged by the very top of the Lloyd's establishment not to be "wimps" and to pay their losses, have very large Lloyd's loss accounts with their banks. These, more often than not, are secured on their homes, as are their guarantees. This means, to many, that the actual finality cost is more than £500,000 on top of the funds they have already poured into Lloyd's. These are the loyal names exhorted to trade on to support Lloyd's, incurring high annual costs in the process which have not been taken into account.

Contrast their situation with the names who stopped supporting Lloyd's, for whatever reason, and did not pay their losses and ran down their funds at Lloyd's.

Their losses are being written off and the maximum they will have to find, if it can be found, is £100,000, and, often, much less. What a shabby treatment from such a venerable institution and what a reflection on self-regulation. What a travesty of justice if this settlement is voted through by the majority, who did not support Lloyd's and cut their losses.

Lloyd's must recognise its debt to the loyal names in the same spirit as it has always honoured the claims from its policyholders. Surely Lloyd's did not intend the R&R to administer the "coup de grace" to those who have supported it the most.

We all want Lloyd's to continue and prosper, but not at the price of personal ruin. Lloyd's must ensure that it gives, at the least, the same treatment to its loyal names as it is currently offering to those who did not support it.

This means recognising that names' debts, incurred in supporting Lloyd's, and the payment of their losses must be taken into account when the final sums are done. They must also have a profits release to appease their debtors and must be enabled to trade on by leaving their guarantees intact.

This will help to restore Lloyd's reputation and will avoid the growing impression that the settlement offer has been made on the basis that "the ends justify the means", however unjust.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. WELFORD,
Gothic Farm,
Heveningham, Suffolk.

When neighbour was putting off the Ritz

From David Leibling,

Sir, The Barclay brothers, owners of the Ritz Hotel, have offered to buy William Kent House, which stands off Piccadilly, behind the Ritz (report, March 27).

This is not the first time the Ritz has tried to buy this property. On the previous occasion, the owners are reputed to have said: "William Kent House is not for sale. However, we would like to buy the Ritz as we have always fancied a view over Piccadilly."

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEIBLING,
64 Kewferry Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.

Excluded from the terms of Railtrack deal

From Mr Roy Albinson

Sir, Pennington suggests (March 27) that Labour policy might or might not be to "pursue our goal of stealing the track back from the people who own it".

The present shareholders might well think that the sale itself is a steal and support this view, as they are unable to vote on the terms of the sale already approved in advance at any price by proxy of a minority of shareholders.

Yours etc,
ROY ALBINSON,
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Mayfield Lane,
Wadhurst, E. Sussex.

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FAA plea to limit Lockheed takeover

America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is asking for conditions to be imposed upon the planned $9.1 billion takeover of Loral, the systems group, by Lockheed Martin, the world's biggest defence company, according to American reports.

The FAA is said to be alarmed over the implications for the supply of air traffic control systems. It has reportedly asked the Federal Trade Commission to impose limits on the deal. Such limits could take the form of enforced disposals or undertakings about competition. A Lockheed spokesman acknowledged that concern over competition "is an issue", but said that the takeover is likely to completed, albeit with caveats, in a fortnight's time.

Devro agrees $26m sale

Devro International, the UK sausage skin manufacturer, has agreed to sell Devro America, its North American collagen sausage casings business, to Japan's Nitta Gelatin for *$26 million.*

Devro was required by the US Federal Trade Commission to sell the business after its acquisition of Teepak International. Under the terms of the agreement, Devro BV, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Devro International, will receive $24 million in cash on completion of the sale as well as a loan note of $2 million. Proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce debt.

Italian drive

Pendragon, the auto dealer, has signed a deal with Italian car makers to beef up its sales of foreign cars. The company is to open 15 dealerships for Fiat and Alfa Romeo in the London area in the next two years. Pendragon hoped to take advantage of the growing popularity of Fiat cars, sales of which had grown 20 per cent last year in the UK. While Fiat has continued to increase sales in 1996, the overall UK car market is little changed, Pendragon said. The new franchises are not expected to contribute to profits until after the initial two-year development period.

Eurocamp deal

Eurocamp, the specialist travel company, will buy the Tesh Travels companies in Germany, Switzerland and Austria for up to £9.65 million. The companies currently act as sole agents for Eurocamp. The UK company said the acquisitions would enhance earnings in the current year, helped by profits from the incremental sale of insurance and transport associated with Eurocamp holidays. The main investors and joint managing directors of Tesh are to retire.

Sir Leon Brittan, right, is in a race against time to reassure Mickey Kantor of no EU backsliding on the liberalisation of telecoms networks

Brittan bids to clear the line

SIR LEON BRITTAN, the European Trade Commissioner, begins a delayed trip to the United States today, hoping to patch together the transatlantic alliance's stand *on liberalising world telecommunications.*

A global deal to open up national networks is due to be completed by April 30 at the Geneva headquarters of the World Trade Organisation. But progress has been slow and has not been not helped by a transatlantic tiff between Washington and Brussels over their respective proposals, with each calling the other's inadequate.

The highlight of Sir Leon's visit will be a meeting tomorrow with his old sparring partner, Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative. Trade sources said one of Sir Leon's objectives would be to persuade Mr Kantor that the EU would be willing to improve its offer, effectively removing all restrictions on foreign ownership when the time was right. They explained that a decision two weeks ago by European Union foreign ministers to reject a commission proposal to improve the offer now and instead hold out a vague promise of improvement later had been taken by Washington as backsliding. Sir Leon "will be anxious to make sure that the United States does not use this as an excuse to drag its heels," one trade source said yesterday. "He will be pushing the angle of solidarity vis à vis the rest of the world."

"We have very little time left. But it is obvious that improvements are needed more from the rest of the world — particularly Asia — than from either the United States or the European Union," the source added.

Key Australian defence business in BAe's sights

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

BRITISH AEROSPACE is believed to be the leading bidder for one of Australia's key defence businesses, AWA Defence, in a deal which marks the first step of a major expansion drive into Australia.

AWA Defence, which is known for its range of electronic warfare and software technology products, including its Nulka hovering rocket, is being sold by its parent, AWA, for a sum believed to be upwards of A$50 million (£25.9 million). An announcement is expected early next week.

British Aerospace has made no secret of its desire to expand its presence in the Australian defence market. Last year, BAe appointed Robin Southwell in the new post of group chief executive for Australasia. Mr Southwell's task is to oversee a planned increase in Australian turnover from A$100 million to more than A$1 billion.

Mr Southwell said yesterday: "We are one of a number of interested parties seriously interested in acquiring AWA Defence."

In the half-year to December 31, AWA Defence made a pre-tax profit of A$1.8 million. Australian analysts said that the acquisition of AWA Defence would provide the purchaser with a good base from which to do business in Australia. One said: "The new coalition government will probably spend more on defence that the previous government did, and AWA Defence has some good products."

British Aerospace is also tendering for a Federal government contract to supply up to 40 training fighter aircraft to the Royal Australian Air Force in a deal which analysts estimate to be worth up to A$1 billion.

The group has already been actively involved in many of the Australian Government's defence procurement programmes, including the manufacture of military vehicles for the army, training simulators for the navy and avionics support for the air force. BAe is also believed to have a strong chance of securing the fighter aircraft deal.

It hopes eventually to use Australia as a base from which to expand into the fast-growing Asia-Pacific region. Mr Southwell said: "Australia is right in the middle of the fastest growing defence sector in the world."

Australia's defence exports currently account for just A$70 million a year compared to Britain's defence-linked exports of around £5 billion a year.

Ferguson sells units for £39m

BY PAUL DURMAN

FERGUSON International Holdings is to concentrate on its labels business after agreeing to sell its clothes hangers and electronic components divisions in separate deals worth up to £39 million.

The company, which two months ago gave warning of trading difficulties, is also proposing to pay £5.25 million to buy Label Image Holdings, a Gwent label manufacturer.

The City liked the deals. Shares in Ferguson added 18p to close the day at 210p. With cash proceeds expected to be about £29.3 million, Ferguson will be able to clear net group borrowings of £23.8 million at the end of February.

The hanger business is being bought by Mauna of Holland for an initial £12 million. Mauna is also taking on £6.3 million of debt.

Ferguson is receiving £19.3 million for TVC, a business that supplies components to the cable television industry, which has been sold to HTVC Holdings.

Denis Cassidy, Ferguson's chairman, said TVC the business was was retained because of its good results: it made £2.5 million in the year to February 1995.

Cassidy: TVC good results

Computer thieves face hazy future

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THIEVES who target the profitable computer market are facing a foggy future if a device being launched by a tiny security company next week proves to be a hit.

Cloud Base is hoping to raise £300,000 on the Ofex market to help to fund the development of its Cloud Burst alarm system.

The system aims to smoke out potential burglars by releasing pressurised glycol vapour gas into the atmosphere after an intruder alarm is triggered. Cloud Base claims that, within 20 seconds, the smoke can fill a 22,000 cubic metre warehouse and cut visibility to less than ten inches.

The company says that thieves who trigger the alarm will face a choice between leaving the building or risk becoming disorientated until the police or security arrive. The product is completely harmless, unlike many other security products using gas.

Cloud Base claims that the system, which is devised for wharehouses and large offices, could help to cut the estimated £1 billion cost each year of computer thefts. The company has also teamed up with Sphere Drake, the insurance underwriter, to offer a 20 per cent discount on insurance premiums. Cloud Base predicts that profits for 1997-98 could top the initial market capitalisation.

King's banker expected to be charged after collapse

As the mammoth inquiry into the failure of Banesto ends, **Edward Owen** reports from Madrid

A national court judge in Madrid has, after 17 months, completed an inquiry into the collapse of Banesto, bringing to an end the most exhaustive judicial and financial investigation ever undertaken in Spain.

Within the next six weeks charges are expected to be brought against the bank's former chairman, Mario Conde, who was the King of Spain's banker, and ten other former directors alleging misappropriation of funds, forgery and price rigging. Banesto failed in December 1993, prompting an intervention by Spain's central bank.

Señor Conde and his vice-chairman, Arturo Romani, may also face charges of fraud. If convicted the men may face prison sentences and demands for compensation totalling millions of pounds.

The public prosecutor will decide what charges to bring and how much compensation will be applied for after studying the summary and submissions by defence lawyers. Legal actions are expected to be filed by 22 other entities, including Banesto itself, the Deposit Guarantee Fund, the two major Spanish unions and Banesto shareholders.

Conde: jetset lifestyle

Judge Manuel García Castellón has compiled a 77,000-page report. A total of 291 witnesses gave testimony, including Adolfo Suárez a former prime minister. The most dramatic testimony was obtained by a rogatory commission, headed by the judge and the public prosecutor, Florentino Ortí, that interrogated two of Señor Conde's associates in Switzerland. They gave details of how funds were milked from Banesto and implicated Señor Conde's defence lawyer, Mariano Gómez de Liaño, who had to step down and may face charges himself.

When the central bank intervened on the Spanish equivalent of All Fool's Day in December 1993, Banesto had debts of 605,000 million pesetas (about £3 billion). The investigating judge, who was aided by state bank inspectors, says that about 30,000 million pesetas were illegally removed from the bank's accounts.

The largest amount, 7,944 million pesetas, was found in the accounts of a company called Euman-Valyser that was owned by Señor Conde. The judge says that the *modus operandi* of Señor Conde and others was to buy a company from Banesto, inflate the price and re-sell it. In other cases, such as payments from Carburos Metállicos, the money due to Banesto was said to be funnelled into private accounts. They are also accused of receiving "commissions" from the directors of companies sold to Banesto.

Señor Conde's lawyers are submitting a defence that their client had been "set up" for political reasons.

The former chairman of Banesto, famed for his slicked back hair and jet-set lifestyle, entertaining King Juan Carlos on his yacht, allegedly tried to blackmail the socialist Government and attempted to have the investigation switched to another judge.

But *El Mundo*, the sensationalist tabloid that supports the conservative Popular Party (elected a month ago and expected to form a government at the end of this month) suddenly stopped printing stories issued by Señor Conde's propaganda machine a few weeks before the elections.

Señor Conde is on 2,000 million pesetas bail and his vice-chairman, Señor Romani, is on 1,000 million pesetas bail. The other men are: Ricardo Gómez Acebo, Enrique Lasarte, Juan Belloso, Rafael Pérez Escolar, César de la Mora, Vicente Figaredo, Ramiro Nuñez, Fernando Garro, Eugenio Martinez Jiménez.

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London hopes to use US blueprint for urban renewal

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE Corporation of London has launched a study into private sector participation in urban renewal in New York and other US cities in the hope that its results may trigger a revolution in UK inner city funding in the face of local government spending cuts.

The study, which is sponsored by the corporation but carried out by the London School of Economics, is investigating schemes such as the Business Improvement Districts (Bids), which have transformed key areas of Manhattan, Chicago, Boston and other major US cities.

The Bids and related schemes are designed to enable private business to take over certain responsibilities and raise money to fund them in specific city areas.

The idea has been taken furthest in New York, where local businesses have raised millions of dollars to improve their district through better street lighting, cleaner streets, better care for the homeless and other "environmental" concerns.

Bernard Hartly, chief executive of the Corporation of London, said: "We started out by looking at ways in which big infrastructure projects such as railways could be financed by the private sector to improve our cities. In the course of this we came across the US example of Bids which solved much of the problem of cuts in current expenditure by local government."

Although the City of London probably does not need such a scheme, Bids could become common in large areas of London and other major cities.

Most schemes work on the basis of a levy on every business within a designated area. A scheme may also be given the power to raise money by issuing bonds, such as the $32 million raised by the Grand Central Partnership centred on the area around New York's Grand Central Station. Despite the extra cost, local businessmen say the scheme has stopped the exodus of businesses leaving the area because of the previous poor conditions.

The Corporation of London has already presented other ideas for private sector involvement in local government funding, including the Infrastructure Levy, which it proposed as a way for local businesses to raise money to undertake key projects abandoned by local government.

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EXETER FRIENDLY
SOCIETY LTD
NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Exeter Friendly Society Ltd for 1996 will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday 9th May 1996 at the Society's offices, Beech Hill House, Walnut Gardens, Exeter EX4 4DG, to transact the following business:-

1 To receive the Annual Accounts for the financial year to 31st December 1995 and the Report of the Committee of Management
2. To note the Auditors' Report.
3 To re-appoint Messrs Beer Aplin as auditors to the Society
4. To declare that there being no other nominations, each of the following retiring members of the Committee of Management are duly re-appointed:-
Mr Guy Arthur Louis Crowys
Dr William Iain Craig Morgan
Mr Roger Bruce Cawse
5 To declare that there being no other nomination, the following retiring member of the Committee of Management, Mr Norman John Skinner, be duly re-appointed. It is noted that because he is aged 70, he has been approved as eligible for re-appointment by the Committee of Management due to the value placed by the Committee on his extensive knowledge and experience of the Society's affairs
6 To appoint Mr Joseph Turner as an additional member of the Committee of Management

A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint one proxy to attend and vote at the meeting instead of him or her. The proxy need not be a member of the Society and the member may direct the proxy how to vote at the meeting

Admission tickets for any member or their proxy can be obtained from the Chief Executive at the above address.
By the order
of the Committee of Management
R B Cawse, Chief Executive.
Dated 9th April 1996

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Scout Foundation
Scheme for the reconstruction of the body of trustees and the amendment of previous Schemes
Reference: GC/7230/CD (Ldn)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at The Secretary's Office, The Scout Association, Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JS or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57 - 60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting the reference above.

LEGAL NOTICES

CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of section 98 of the Insolvency Act will be held at The Frogmill Hotel, Shipton, Andoversford, Near Cheltenham GL54 4HT on 9 April 1996 at 11.00am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the company's offices at The Ox House, Market Place, North Leach, Cheltenham and at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Haywood House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff CF1 4BA on 3 April 1996 and 4 April 1996.

Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to David Burrows, Price Waterhouse, Haywood House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff CF1 4BA by 12.00 noon on 4 April 1996 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address
By order of the board.
Director J Moran
Date: 26/3/96.

Note

Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring David Burrows of Price Waterhouse on 01222 376255 to obtain the necessary forms

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MOTOBELO LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26 April 1996 at The Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1UY at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 1 day of April 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T. Jones, DIRECTOR.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE HAVANAH TRADING
COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Ernst & Young, Norham House, 12 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AD on the 15 April 1996 at 10.30 am for the purposes, if thought fit of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting at Ernst & Young, Norham House, 12 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AD. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above company will be available for inspection at the offices of Ernst & Young between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 26th day of March 1996.
By order of the Board
L Gillespie, Director.

High Court of Justice
No 3136 of 1996
P O W Property Services Limited
(In Liquidation)

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1987, I, N.H. O'Reilly of Rothman Pantall & Co., Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 13 March 1996.
N.H. O'Reilly, Liquidator.
1 April 1996.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
THE PROVISIONAL GRANT
OF AN OFF-LICENCE

To: The Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing district of Central Buckinghamshire
To: The Chief Constable of Buckinghamshire
To: The Proper Officer
Chiltern District Council
To: The Chief Fire Officer of Buckinghamshire
To. The Clerk to Little Missenden Parish Council

I, RAYMOND SMITH of Raeburn House Hulbert Road Waterlooville Hampshire PO7 7JT having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Regional Manager

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Licensing District to be held at The Law Courts, King George V Road, Amersham on the 26th day of April next for the Provisional Grant to me of a Justices' Licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption off the premises about to be altered at 1, 3, 6, & 7 Turners Place, Holmer Green, Bucks and to be known as One Stop of which premises The Chiltern Hundreds Housing Association of PO Box 6, Hundreds House, 24 London Road West, Amersham, Bucks HP7 OHD is the owner.
DATED this 2nd April 1996
Signed
Messrs Blake Lapthorn
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Segensworth, Fareham,
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Ref: JJM
Solicitors and agent for the Applicant

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	488	Allied Domecq	496	- 4	5.9	18.0
824	500	Bulmer (HP)	627		2.5	18.5
131	115	Burn Stewart	117		5.4	24.9
484	411	Greenall Whitly	422	+ 8	4.4	18.2
493	435	Guinness	460	+ 2½	4.0	15.6
365	315	Highland Dist	359	- 2	2.8	16.7
195	150	Macallan-Glen	170	+ 2	1.1	
650	615	Matth Mtn 'A'	631		2.2	17.8
737	635	Matthew Clark	728	+ 3	3.8	
116	93	Marydon W	102	- 1	2.5	
2012½	1925	SA Breweries	1925	- 37½	1.6	29.8

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BRITISH FUNDS

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SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	100¾	- 1/32	15.16	6.21
102	100	Exch 13¼% 1996	100½		13.15	6.22
216	215	Treas 2% 1996	216		0.92	5.88
103½	102	Conv 10% 1996	102	- 1/16	9.77	6.01
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	100		6.95	6.42
107	105	Treas 13¼% 1997	105	- 1/16	12.57	6.07
104	103	Exch 10½% 1997	103	- 1/16	10.14	6.14
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	102	- 1/32	8.50	6.50
114	112½	Exch 15% 1997	112½	- ½	13.38	6.59
106½	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	- ½	9.29	6.73
102	100½	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	- 1/32	7.20	6.85
100	98½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	- ½	6.77	6.92
118	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	113	- 1/16	12.33	6.97
122	118½	Treas 15½% 1998	118½	- 1/16	13.04	7.03
114	111½	Exch 12% 1998	111½	- ½	10.77	7.12
108	105	Treas 9½% 1999	105	- 1/16	8.98	7.14
118	113	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	- 1/32	10.83	7.24
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	108½	- 1/16	9.64	7.29
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	96½	- 1/32	6.23	7.27
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	108	- 1/16	9.42	7.40
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	105½	- ½	8.56	7.45
105½	101	Treas 8% 2000	101½	- 1/16	7.85	7.50
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	119½	- ½	10.88	7.54
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	109	- ½	9.14	7.63
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
107	96½	Treas 7% 2001	96	- 1/32	7.23	7.68
114	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	109	- ½	8.97	7.83
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	100½	- 1/16	7.96	7.88
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	111½	- 1/32	8.98	7.92
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	- 1/32	10.00	7.77
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79½	- ½	4.40	6.80
114	106	Conv 9½% 2004	108	- 1/16	8.74	8.05
96	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	92	- 1/32	7.34	8.04
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	102	- 1/32	8.27	8.06
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	108½	- 1/32	8.73	8.08
131½	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124½	- ½	10.02	8.08
101	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	95½	- 1/16	7.84	8.11
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	97	- 1/16	7.97	8.14
104	97½	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	- 1/16	8.10	8.18
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119½	- 1/32	9.86	8.01
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	102	- 1/32	8.32	8.18
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	131	- ½	10.27	8.05
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	106 †	- 1/16	8.49	8.20
104½	96	Treas 8% 2009	97	- 1/32	8.17	8.24
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	81½	Treas 6¼% 2010	82	- 1/32	7.56	8.29
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	105½	- 1/16	8.50	8.30
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	105	- 1/32	8.49	8.31
82	76	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	- 1/16	7.14	8.03
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	97	- 1/16	8.25	8.31
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	- ½	8.20	8.32
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	97	- 1/16	8.25	8.30
111½	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	- ½	8.42	8.34
141½	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	- 1/32	9.06	8.42
99½	95	Treas 8% 2021	96	- ½	8.25	8.26
UNDATED						
45½	41½	War Ln 3½%	41	- 1/16	8.36	
32	29	Treas 2½%	29½	- ½	8.47	
50	46½	Consols 4%	47		8.40	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111	- 1/32	1.71	3.01
180	176	Treas IL 2½% 2001	177	- 1/16	3.14	3.64
176	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173	- 1/32	3.30	3.67
116	112	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	113	- 1/32	3.32	3.67
185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	181½	- 1/16	3.42	3.69
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163	- ½	3.50	3.73
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	- 1/32	3.54	3.74
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138	- ½	3.58	3.76
152½	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147	- 1/32	3.62	3.79
148	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141	- 1/16	3.66	3.80
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117		3.62	3.76
120½	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116		3.63	3.70

Source: Finstat

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As confidence returns, **David Crawford** sees a rise in office relocation

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Is Britain back in business?

Business is on the move again. More companies than at any time since the early 1990s plan to take new space during the next two years — to the tune of 4.5 million sq ft in the South East alone. Decentralisation of jobs from central London is also about to rise from a 1995 low of 2,800 to 8,500, significantly more than the 20-year-plus annual average of 6,400.

But the benefits will not be spread as widely as in the past. Most private-sector moves from London, for example, will be short-haul — a point underlined by new research from the Commission for the New Towns and the CBI Employee Research Council, showing that organisations now prefer to stay close to their own locations — although the public sector tends to concentrate on the North West, Yorkshire and the South West.

Most future moves will be accompanied by substantial reductions of existing floorspace, largely low specification, rather than representing net additions. Net South East regional vacations over the period 1996-98 are expected to total six million sq ft.

The Ministry of Defence relocation to Bristol, for example, could release two million sq ft of office space — 10 per cent of Whitehall's entire central London portfolio. The Government will, of course, continue to require a presence within range of Parliament, but, says Peter Evans of DTZ Research, "never again to the extent that it has in the past".

Significant take-up of second-hand office space coming on to the market will be restricted to highly active areas such as the City of London. This arises from the shortage of new prime space in the financial core. A wave of expansions and new inward investments by companies such as ABN Amro, Chase Chemical, and Deutsche Bank Morgan Grenfell has boosted the City's confidence ahead of would-be competitors such as Paris and Frankfurt.

At the same time, loosening of traditional City ties are evident in the large Docklands commitments made by Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Morgan Stanley, and by Banque Paribas's purchase of a site for a new 350,000 sq ft headquarters in Marylebone.

Nearly two thirds of predicted relocation activity, in fact, reflects fundamental changes in the business environment rather than concern solely over operating costs, as in the past. "Mergers, acquisitions and ongoing cost pressures are fuelling continued rationalisation and consolidation, with more energetic management of companies' operational portfolios," says Chris Jolliffe, research partner at Jones Lang Wootton, whose recently published *Property Confidence Review* reflects the opinions of 554 UK-based companies.

His views are echoed in the *Milliken Report on Space Futures*, published last month by the Henley Centre on behalf of the US-owned Milliken Carpet. More than a quarter of facilities managers in organisations with more than 2,000 staff expected their space requirements to fall over the next five years because of new technology and changing business needs.

This new trend affects a whole range of traditionally major consumers of office floorspace, including financial services, conglomerates, chemicals and electronics.

Rationalisaton of office occupancy by a relatively small number of electronics companies has already led to the shedding of 1.6 million sq ft over the past six months, more than half of total negative net demand. Continuing reorganisation within this sector, notably as a result of BT's sustained downsizing, will also account for half the 10.5 million sq ft of space that respondents to the *Property Confidence Review* expect to vacate in the next two years.

Under BT's long-running relocation programme, for example, 1,400 jobs are due to move, mainly from the West End of London, to Stockley Park near Heathrow. BT's mooted merger with Cable & Wireless may well bring more rationalisation.

But contrasting evidence of real expansion in this sector comes from the "planning for growth" programme being progressed by the £1.3 billion-turnover 3Com Corporation, which is implementing its largest-ever infrastructural investment in Europe.

Spread over *four sites* in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and the Marlow and Bourne End area of Buckinghamshire, 3Com is now consolidating on one site in Hemel Hempstead, with the £10.3 million purchase of an 85,000 sq ft building on the McDonnell Information Systems campus.

The company is also increasing its leased space at Bourne End before relocating that part of the business next year in the M4/M40 corridors.

To keep 3Com's options open, the consultants Jones Lang Wootton advised taking initial short-term leases. Chris Kane, a JLW partner, says: "This has enabled 3Com to cater for expansion without the worry of disposing of long-term commitments."

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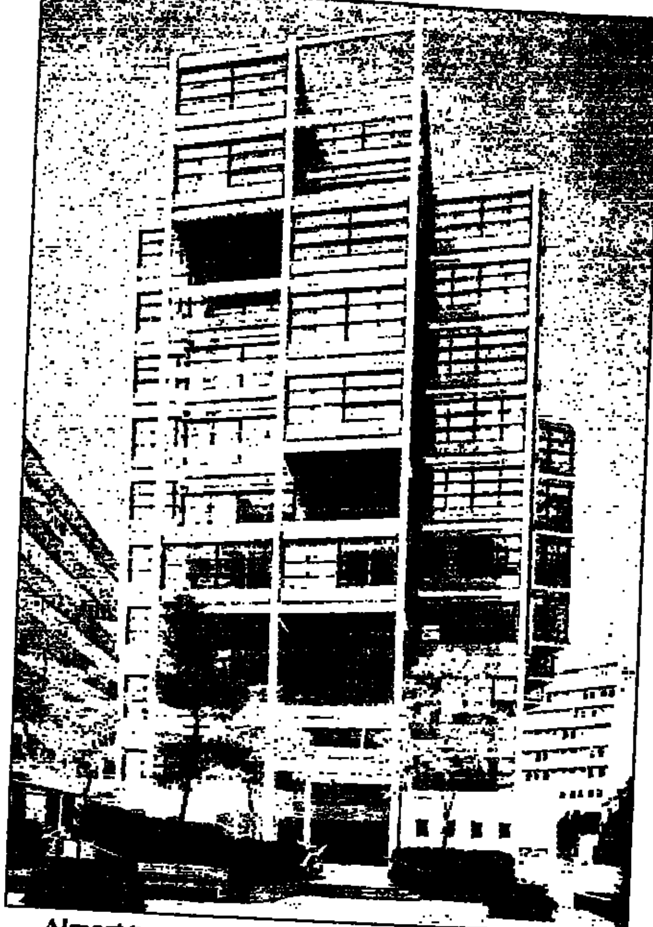

Almost two years after moving into Fleet Place in London EC4, the law firm Wilde Sapte has won the "existing buildings" category in the annual Office of the Year awards, organised by the British Institute of Facilities Management in association with *The Times*

The move of an American company, Simula Automotive Safety Products, to the Wansbeck Business Park in Ashington, Northumberland, is a location rather than a relocation, but it demonstrates the competition among British regions to attract companies.

Simula, one of the top 40 fastest-growing American companies last year, is taking over a 30,000 sq ft unit in a £4 million investment that will create 180 new jobs in manufacturing a new type of airbag to be fitted first into BMWs.

Wansbeck, a £25 million park, has been developed by Wansbeck District Council in partnership with Northumberland County Council, English Partnerships and British Coal Enterprise. Simula chose Wansbeck after a European-wide search for its first plant outside the United States.

Wansbeck sees the move not only as important in itself but crucial as a catalyst to bring more investment to the area.

Denis Murphy, the leader of Wansbeck council, says: "It is extremely significant that a company such as Simula has recognised the investment potential in Wansbeck. A great deal of groundwork has gone into paving the way for a new economic era here. We have put in the right infrastructure; attractive financial packages are on the table, and we can offer a lifestyle which is unmatched by many other parts of the UK or Europe."

Simula was persuaded by the high quality of the English Partnerships scheme, the ease of access from Wansbeck to the Continent, a dedicated workforce which has adapted to learn new skills and a global telecommunications network into which the business centre is linked.

The telecommunications network offers video-conferencing facilities, access to the Internet and state-of-the-art telematics — available on a hire basis.

Another factor is the North East's growing reputation as a leading manufacturing centre in the automotive industry. Simula's first products from the Ashington factory will be going into the 1997 range of BMWs, but the company says it is also hoping to supply to Nissan.

Wansbeck has attracted many overseas companies. Synpac, the pharmaceutical company, part of the Taiwanese Koos Group, recently announced a £7 million investment in new plant and technology at its Wansbeck factory to help to maintain its position as a leading worldwide manufacturer of Penicillin G. Lite-On, a Taiwanese company making electronic equipment, has also taken over an existing business in Wansbeck.

Other companies, such as Alcan, which has a local smelter and power station, and Welwyn Components, an electronics group, are,— like Synpac, members of the Wansbeck Initiative, a partnership between the private and public sectors working to build a sound economic base.

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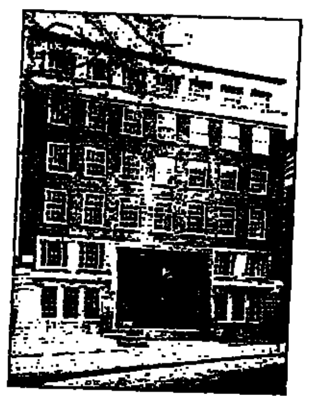

EDEN HOUSE, pictured, in Carlisle Place, London SW1, has come to market at a quoting rent of just over £30 a sq ft for the 38,935 sq ft building. The refurbishment of the former Borax House, overlooking the Westminster Cathedral piazza, was by Crest Nicholson Properties, which bought the building in 1994. The joint agents for the seven-storey building are Richard Ellis and Sparkes Porter.

☐ SKANDIA Property (UK) Ltd, with Scottish Life Assurance Company, has secured the largest open letting in Cardiff for many years. Knox Court, its 59,900 sq ft development in the Fitzalan Place office area, has been fully let to the Legal & General Insurance Society.

The consultant Chesterton says the letting is believed to be on a fixed 15-year term with five-yearly, upward-only, rent reviews, and the quoting rent is £16.50 a sq ft. Completed in February, Knox Court has full air-conditioning and raised floors. Its situation, near Cardiff shopping centre and in the heart of the commercial district, qualifies it for regional selective assistance grants.

Robin Wills of Skandia says: "There is a high demand for city centre offices within regional centres as decentralisation increases."

☐ NATWEST Group Property has begun demolition work on its development at 1 St James's Square, London SW1 — the start of what some sees as one of the most important office developments in the West End for more than a decade.

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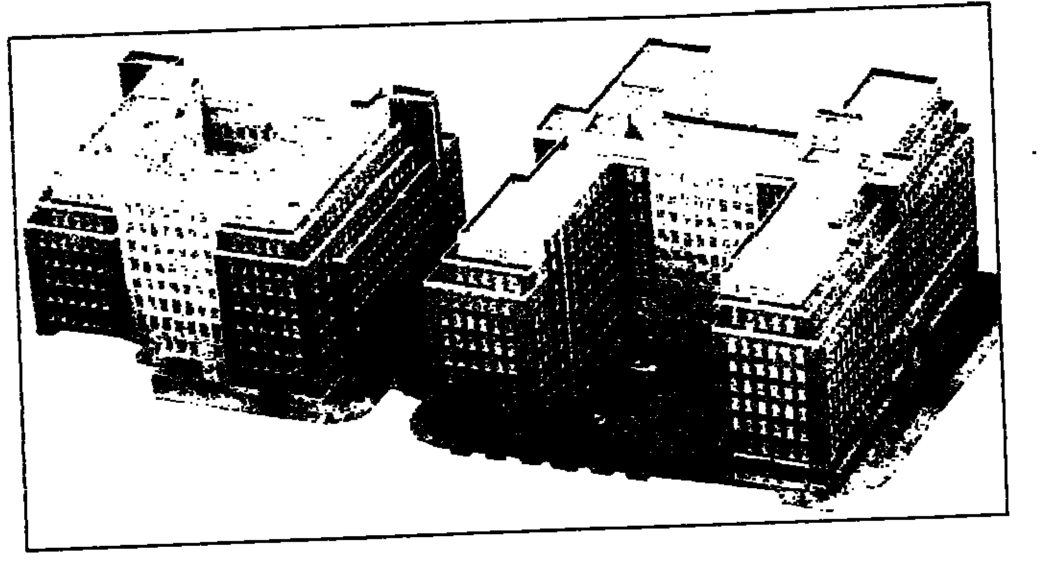

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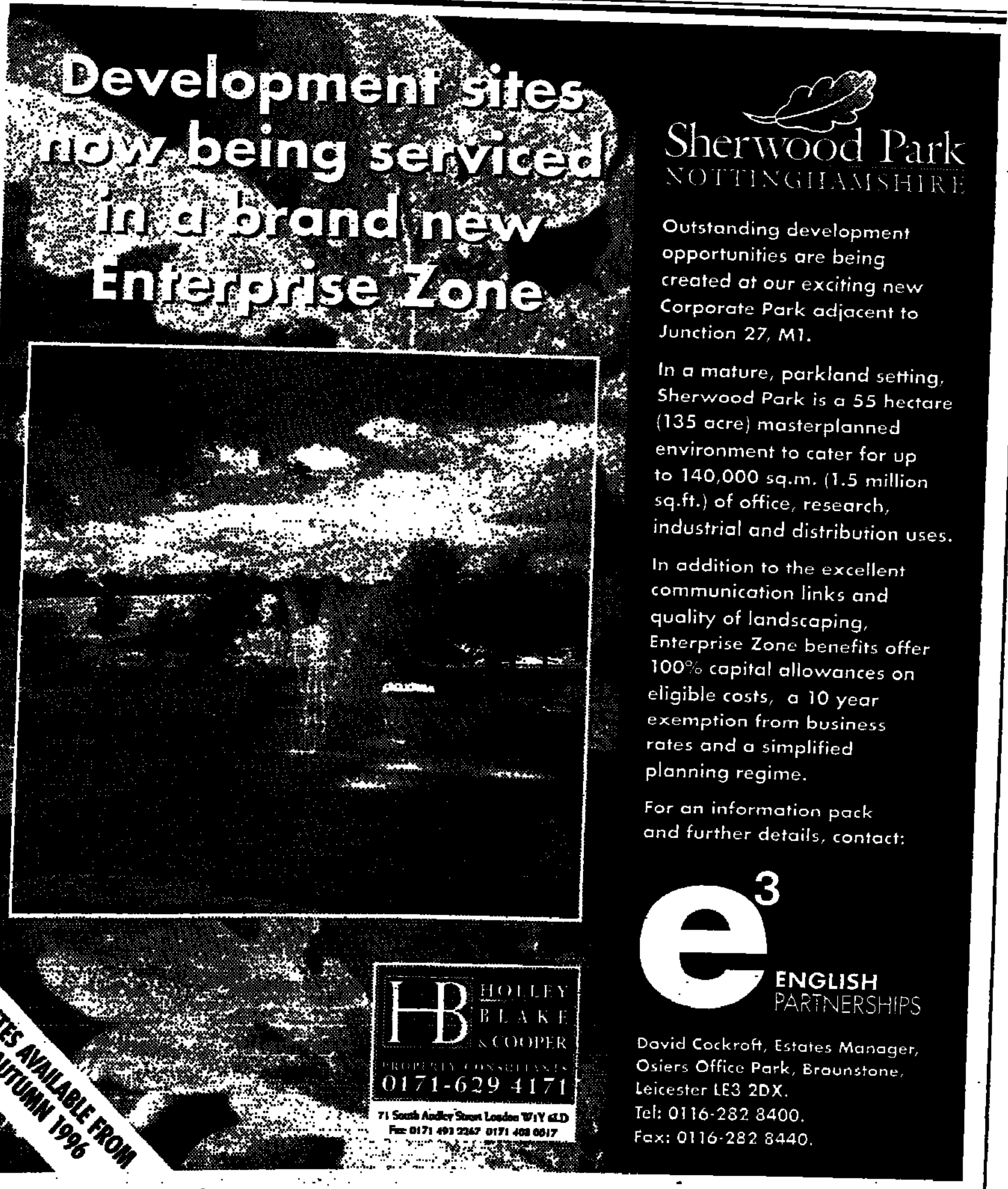

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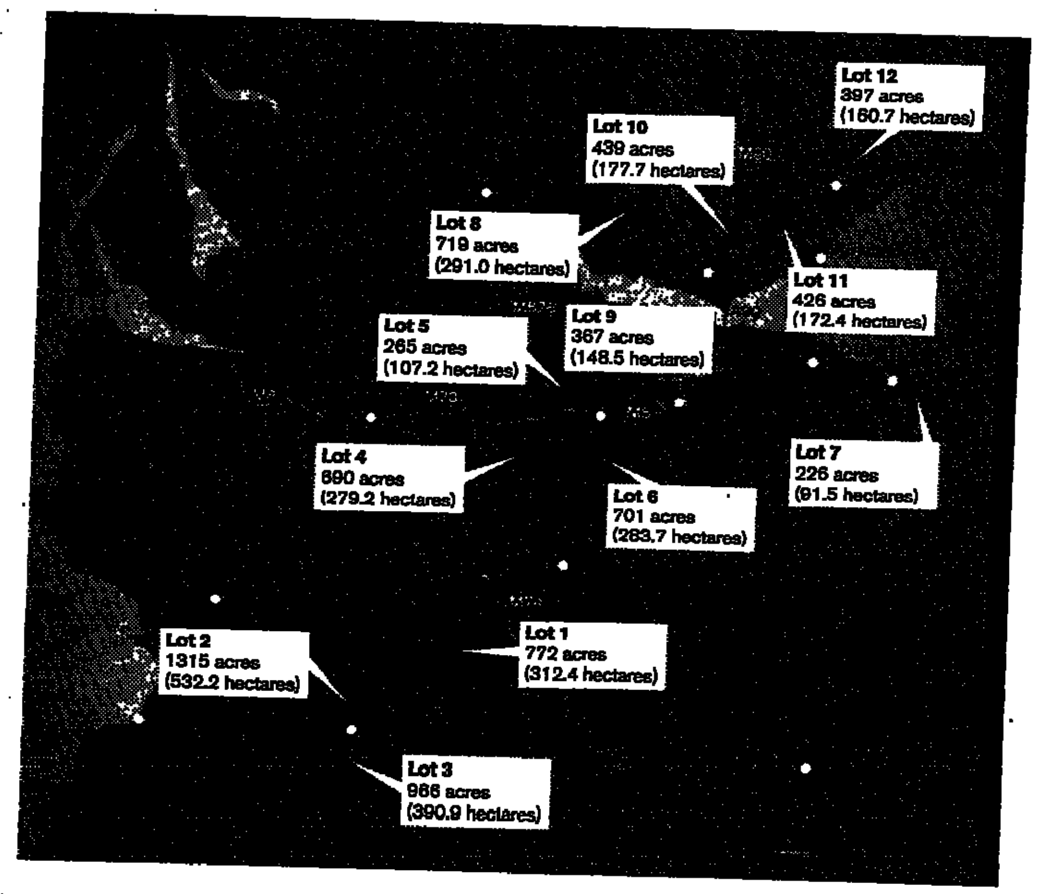

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Korea Trust	75.95	82.90	- 0.79	
Portfolio	143.90	154.20	- 0.30	2.30
-do- Accum	269.40	288.80	- 0.40	2.30
UK Growth	96.03	103.30	0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	91.91	98.95	+ 0.14	2.50
Select Managers	87.93	94.27†	- 0.16	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	90.78	96.57	+ 0.33	
Special Uppor Inc	62.94	66.96	+ 1.31	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	134.05	141.85	- 0.01	1.47
-do- Accum	154.52	163.51	- 0.02	1.47
Smaller Cos	145.79	154.27	+ 0.61	0.64
Higher Yield #	53.91	57.05	+ 0.01	3.94
American Gth Inc	97.87	103.56	- 1.79	
European Growth	160.17	169.49	- 0.61	0.12
-do- Accum	163.29	172.90	- 0.62	0.12
Global Bond Inc #	27.40	28.39	- 0.04	7.01
Mngd Ptflio Inc	52.09	55.10	- 0.23	1.27
-do- Accum	53.69	56.79	- 0.24	1.27
Intl Spec Opps	160.15	169.43	- 1.27	
Pacific Gth	157.11	166.26	- 1.15	0.23
UK General #	91.53	96.86	- 0.16	3.32
-do- Accum #	96.36	101.96	- 0.16	3.32
Japan	63.87	67.59	+ 0.52	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.18	101.72	+ 0.14	8.72
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.58	65.37†	+ 0.02	6.50
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	184.00	193.60	- 2.50	2.01
UK Growth	200.60	211.20	- 2.00	2.17
UK Income	142.50	150.00†	- 1.70	4.63
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	229.20	242.90	- 0.70	1.63
-do- Income Dist	123.30	130.70	0.20	3.82
-do- Accum	389.00	417.30	- 0.80	3.82
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.39	42.02	- 0.11	6.47
Growth Units	242.20	259.00	0.10	2.14
Fund	170.50	179.90†	+ 0.30	7.50
Intl Growth	249.90	266.00	- 0.80	0.25
North American	248.20	264.40	4.30	0.21
Far East	326.50	345.20	- 1.10	0.68
UK Smaller Cos	215.40	230.40		1.00
European	96.49	102.30	0.20	0.65
Japanese Growth	49.83	52.97†	+ 0.18	
High Income	211.60	226.20†	- 0.40	4.13
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	213.80	227.20†	- 2.60	
European Inc	92.57	98.03	0.34	0.82
Smaller Cos (4-1)	101.26	107.73†	+ 0.20	1.44
Growth	521.80	555.20†	- 1.30	1.60
Income & Growth #	453.40	482.40	- 2.40	3.83
-do- Accum #	670.10	712.90	- 3.70	3.83
Japan & Gen	73.77	78.31†	+ 0.75	
Master Portfolio	£114.94	£118.76†	- 9.00	2.01
-do- Accum	£140.80	£145.52	- 11.00	2.01
Special Sits	121.20	129.00	- 0.30	1.67
High Yield	£14.69	£15.15	- 10.00	4.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	99.32	105.93		2.43
American Portfolio	119.67	127.08		0.90
European Portfolio	127.72	135.75†		0.43
High Income	50.52	50.63		7.95
Japanese Portfolio	72.14	76.69†	+ 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	161.75	173.93	- 0.79	1.38
UK Equity	93.99	100.50†		2.85
UK Equity & Bd	58.29	58.96	.	6.51
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	751.12	762.48	+ 8.06	4.25
Fxd In Sec	152.63	153.25	+ 0.89	9.27
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	734.54	745.64	+ 1.00	4.40
Investment Acc	833.11	833.61	+ 40.46	
Fixed Int Inc	123.20	123.70	- 2.20	9.38
Fixed Int Acc	214.41	215.27	+ 1.18	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.56	94.56	.	3.14
Beck Bio-Tech	48.26	51.87		.
Acorn Ethical Tst	174.10	182.82	.	0.59
City Fin Assets	78.66	82.60†	+ 0.51	1.98
City Fin America	119.12	125.09†	.	.
City Fin Intl	95.16	102.10		0.80
City Fin Japan	157.33	165.21		.
Friars Hse Cap	320.83	341.31	+ 0.84	2.19
Friars Hse Inc	204.54	217.60	+ 1.37	4.07
Buckley Wrld Gth	151.04	160.10†		
Fairmnt Cap Gth	155.44	163.62	.	
Fairmount Intl	166.16	174.91		
J Sal Inc/Gth Inc	58.18	61.09		1.57
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.60	62.39	- 0.05	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	78.04	83.02	- 1.45	
Dragon Growth	75.59	80.84	- 0.56	0.34
Equity High Inc	89.45	95.16†	- 0.04	4.21
-do- Accum	125.89	133.94	- 0.06	4.21
Extra Income Inc	25.71	27.08†	+ 0.01	7.63
Extra Income Acc	27.50	28.95	+ 0.01	7.63
European Gwth	62.93	66.77	- 0.06	0.99
Evergreen	30.51	32.83	- 0.14	0.05
General Equity	99.81	105.90	- 0.09	2.93
Japan Growth	53.43	56.84	+ 0.34	
Pedigree Gwth	61.18	65.09	- 0.07	2.45
Ped Sm Cos Inc	36.60	38.94	+ 0.02	1.51
-do- Accum	38.54	41.00	+ 0.02	1.51
Retirement Inc #	27.78	29.56	- 0.85	5.96
Special Sits	46.35	49.31	- 0.02	1.99
UK & Overseas	58.84	62.43	- 0.19	0.69
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	67.02	69.72	- 0.06	4.12
Capital	80.34	83.58	- 0.07	2.35
High Income	50.20	53.22	+ 0.06	7.26
Top 50	54.35	56.54	+ 0.01	2.16
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 688 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	181.46	193.04†	- 0.17	4.76
Fixed & Convertible	40.49	43.07†	+ 0.07	6.75
Monthly Inc Plus	48.38	51.47†	- 0.03	8.71
Preference Share	46.22	49.17†	+ 0.85	8.10
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	132.04	140.47†	- 0.06	6.07
Managed Fund	75.92	80.77†	- 0.16	2.91
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	47.71	50.76†	- 0.01	1.94
-do- Accum	56.43	60.03†	- 0.01	1.94
UK & General	92.79	98.71†	- 0.16	2.71
-do- Accum	120.45	128.14†	- 0.19	2.71
UK Growth	180.38	191.89†	- 0.46	1.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	212.66	226.23†	- 1.06	0.62
Far Eastern Gth	144.05	153.24†	- 0.32	0.03
Global Bond	82.30	87.48†	- 0.28	5.67
Japan Growth	122.01	129.80†	+ 0.42	
North Amer Gth	229.51	244.16†	- 3.99	
Oriental Growth	87.56	93.15†	- 0.62	0.29
Worldwide Growth	75.50	80.32†	- 0.54	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.53	91.53†	+ 0.05	5.31
Homemaker Fund	91.62	97.47	- 0.15	1.55
Unifex Fund	152.54	162.28	+ 0.06	1.93
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.73	38.24		3.24
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	178.70	190.10	- 0.60	1.61
Income	70.50	75.00		5.01
European	72.55	77.18	- 0.12	0.59
Recovery	171.90	182.90†	- 0.60	1.39
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	934.30	948.90		3.51
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	104.00	110.60†	.	1.36
Income #	282.70	300.70	- 0.10	3.98
-do- Accum #	724.90	771.10	- 0.50	3.98
Smaller Cos	223.20	237.40		0.97
-do- Accum	275.90	293.50		0.97
Inv Portfolio	99.17	105.50†		1.61
High Inc Port #	80.73	85.88	- 0.11	4.15
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1684.20	1741.50		
Japan Small Cos	1348.00	1373.90		
UK Small Cos	2084.50	2171.10		2.84
US Small Cos	2106.30	2147.50		0.96
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	226.40	238.30		2.98
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	326.80	345.30	.	0.61
New Asia	252.00	268.40	- 1.70	0.21
Japan Growth	117.30	124.70	+ 0.80	
Jap Smllr Co	481.40	512.70†	+ 3.10	
Nth Amer	390.20	412.90	- 6.30	0.71
UK Inc & Gth	243.70	260.20†	- 0.10	2.72
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	163.50	173.90	- 0.30	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	171.30	182.20	+ 0.10	3.75
-do- Accum	227.00	241.40	+ 0.20	3.75
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.09	61.72	- 0.10	6.99
Envmmntl Opps	98.42	104.70†	+ 0.20	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	65.49	69.67	+ 0.02	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.37	50.39	+ 0.01	8.71
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	173.30	183.80	- 2.00	0.44
Convertibles #	22.48	23.88†	+ 0.04	5.86
Equity Income #	140.30	149.10†	- 0.30	4.02
EuroFund	61.40	65.03	- 0.29	0.31
Financial	53.30	56.52	- 0.16	1.59
Growth & Inc #	279.80	297.30	- 0.60	2.86
High Dist #	178.00	189.10	- 0.30	4.49
International	449.30	477.40	- 2.20	0.06
Inv Cap Inc	103.90	110.80†	- 1.20	2.52
Latin American	30.57	32.48	- 0.69	
Pacific	90.23	95.87	- 0.11	.
Pref High Inc	21.73	23.09†	+ 0.01	7.15
Tokyo	240.30	256.20	- 4.40	
UK Smaller Cos	252.10	267.90	- 0.20	1.12
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	114.27	122.21	+ 0.76	1.35
Growth Acc	250.34	267.21	+ 0.60	0.86
Income	597.52	633.31	+ 8.80	4.92
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	228.90	243.50		0.99
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	92.58	97.45	- 0.30	1.90
Ethical Tst	48.85	51.42	+ 0.09	0.91
Far Eastern	328.42	345.70	+ 0.78	1.47
High Income	140.49	147.88	+ 0.83	4.69
UK Index Trckng	48.69	51.25	+ 0.46	3.26
Intl Growth	138.89	146.20†	+ 0.74	0.27
North American	142.65	150.16	- 1.02	1.47
Pelican	134.87	141.97†	- 1.32	3.15
Smaller Cos	71.91	75.69	+ 0.52	2.73
Special Sits	95.32	100.34	+ 0.77	2.62
Tst of Inv Tsts	210.93	222.03	+ 0.24	1.14
EVERSMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	212.89	226.48†	+ 0.31	1.25
Smaller Cos Acc	379.37	403.59†	+ 0.56	1.25
Recovery	54.85	58.35	+ 0.28	1.45
Recovery Acc	56.18	59.77	+ 0.28	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	84.89	91.03†	. .	
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.19	54.60	- 0.10	0.53
High Income #	37.21	39.58†	+ 0.04	11.53
Warrant	53.83	58.51†	- 0.01	
Zero Preference	41.79	44.34	- 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	87.27	92.84†	+ 0.220	2.71
United Charities	285.30	303.50	+ 0.300	2.10
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.40
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.23	27.31†	- 0.32	7.32
Intl Bond	29.67	30.77	- 0.20	5.45
Income Funds				
High Income	25.50	26.79†	- 0.02	5.38
Income Plus	124.30	132.20†	- 0.30	4.00
Amer Eq Inc	61.09	64.71	- 1.02	1.37
European Income	48.39	51.46	- 0.30	2.23
Far East Inc	67.71	72.02	+ 0.04	2.29
Global Convertible	25.25	26.85†	- 0.10	2.60
UK Div Grth	29.81	31.70†	- 0.07	2.14
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	73.65	78.57	- 0.34	
American	325.50	345.10	- 5.70	
Amer Spec Sits	181.20	193.60	- 0.90	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.50	40.01	+ 0.27	
European	217.30	231.10	- 1.00	0.59
European Opps	77.61	82.52	- 0.36	0.13
Global Priv	31.16	33.14†	- 0.27	0.67
UK Growth	117.40	124.90	+ 0.10	1.14
Growth & Inc	169.00	179.70	- 0.60	2.69
Intl PEP	46.10	49.02	- 0.14	0.99
Japan Spec Sits	96.81	103.20	+ 0.50	
Japan	191.40	203.20	+ 1.10	
Managed Intl	341.90	363.30†	- 1.20	0.41
Moneybuilder	66.03	70.21	- 0.09	.
Recovery	58.16	61.84†	+ 0.67	1.29
South E Asia	186.10	198.60	- 0.10	0.98
Special Sits	706.30	751.00	+ 1.40	0.61
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	113.72	113.77	- 0.07	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	153.20	156.00†		1.70
Inc Ptflio #	94.85	96.43†	- 0.17	3.57
Cap Ptflio	160.20	163.00	- 0.30	1.09
Gefund Opps	140.50	142.70		3.76
Growth Inc	36.50	37.23	- 0.07	0.36
Private Portfolio	484.00	493.20†		1.09
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 390				
Euro Smllr Cos	146.40	155.50		0.34
Emrg Asian	165.10	176.60		
High Income	21.76	23.11†		9.74
UK Income	113.00	120.50		4.19
US Smaller Cos	408.10	433.20		.
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	80.24	84.37†	+ 0.01	4.05
Investment Trust	107.89	113.45†	- 0.07	
UK Smaller Cos	104.97	110.38	+ 0.06	0.92

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	77.52	82.61†	- 1.36	
-do- Accum	77.52	82.61†	- 1.36	...
Amer Smlr Cos	657.30	703.00	- 10.50	.
-do- Accum	671.50	718.20	- 10.70	
Capital Tst	374.40	398.30†	- 0.60	1.24
-do- Accum	547.00	581.90†	- 1.00	1.24
Cord Smllr Cos	65.61	69.97	- 0.13	0.75
-do- Accum	69.21	73.83	- 0.15	0.75
Convertible	140.00	148.90	+ 0.10	5.20
-do- Accum	297.10	316.10	+ 0.20	5.20
Emerging Markets	70.02	74.81	- 0.26	.
-do- Accum	70.36	75.06	- 0.26	.
European	143.10	151.80	- 0.30	0.36
-do- Accum	150.50	159.60	- 0.30	0.38
Extra Income	379.10	403.30	- 0.90	3.77
-do- Accum	590.00	627.70	- 1.40	3.77
Financial	162.60	173.00	- 0.60	0.40
-do- Accum	172.10	183.10	- 0.70	0.40
Gilt Trust	62.60	64.55†	- 0.12	6.78
-do- Accum	94.61	97.56†	- 0.18	6.78
Health Fund Inc	273.90	292.60	- 3.70	...
-do- Accum	273.90	292.60	- 3.70	.
Income & Growth	226.80	241.30	- 0.40	3.24
-do- Accum	354.60	377.30	- 0.70	3.24
Intl Growth	435.60	464.70	- 2.50	.
-do- Accum	483.70	516.00	- 2.90	.
Japan & Gen	186.50	198.20†	+ 1.70	.
-do- Accum	188.40	200.20†	+ 1.70	.
Monthly Inc #	188.60	200.60†	- 1.10	4.64
Managed Port Inc	120.20	128.50†	- 0.30	1.65
-do- Accum	130.40	137.30†	- 0.30	1.65
Quarterly Income #	56.24	60.34†	- 0.03	4.41
-do- Accum #	62.92	67.51†	- 0.03	4.41
Recovery	366.80	392.30	- 0.60	0.60
-do- Accum	433.00	463.10	- 0.80	0.60
UK Growth	65.32	69.49		2.10
-do- Accum	69.22	73.64	- 0.01	2.10
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881840				
FP American	58.46	63.25	- 1.00	0.40
FP Am Smllr Cos	197.00	210.60	- 0.30	
FP Asian Growth	300.70	321.60	- 2.20	
FP Australian	408.60	436.20	+ 2.00	.
FP Equity Dist	443.20	471.40	- 0.10	2.54
-do- Accum	980.70	1043.22	.	2.54
FP Euro Gth	271.20	288.50	- 1.10	0.25
-do- Accum	296.60	315.50	- 1.30	0.25
FP Intl Bond	60.01	63.50	- 0.69	5.06
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.61	41.20	- 0.23	0.40
-do- Accum	56.38	60.17	- 0.32	0.40
FP Pac Basin Acc	230.90	245.80	- 0.10	
FP Income #	59.06	62.99	- 0.03	4.95
-do- Accum #	199.60	212.90	- 0.10	4.95
FP Jap Smllr Cos	315.80	336.80	+ 2.40	
FP Monthly Dist #	74.77	79.79	- 0.04	5.61
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20	+ 0.10	6.35
FP Tokyo	87.58	93.41	+ 0.66	.
FP UK Focus	41.38	44.47	- 0.04	2.56
FP UK Growth	191.80	204.50	+ 0.10	2.55
-do- Accum	380.70	406.00	+ 0.30	2.55
Stewardship Dist	407.80	433.80		1.77
-do- Accum	507.60	540.00	+ 0.10	1.77
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.90	84.99	+ 0.11	4.79
-do- Accum #	107.30	114.10	+ 0.20	4.79
N Am Stshp Dist	118.80	126.10	- 2.00	0.73
-do- Accum	127.10	135.20	- 2.20	0.73
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.30	134.30	+ 0.50	1.24
Open Cap Gth Acc	130.30	138.60	+ 0.40	0.18
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.80	126.30	+ 0.50	2.49
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	124.30	132.20	+ 0.60	2.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.30	127.90	+ 0.50	3.46
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	126.60	134.60	+ 0.50	3.46
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	280.60	296.70		2.08
Cash	49.63	50.37†	+ 0.03	5.28
Growth Portfolio	90.14	95.54	- 0.48	0.86
Income Portfolio	70.23	74.26†	- 0.45	4.14
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	231.20	247.30	- 1.70	1.27
Dividend	94.34	100.90	- 0.10	4.22
Inv Gth & Inc	243.80	260.70	- 1.20	2.89
UK & Gen	48.96	52.36†	- 0.15	1.95
Fund of Funds	76.16	81.45†	+ 0.21	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	257.00	274.90†	- 4.80	0.12
European	677.70	724.90	+ 2.30%	0.83
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	52.80	56.18	- 0.27%	5.08
-do- Accum	58.55	62.28	- 0.30	5.06
Far East & Gen	288.60	308.70	- 0.40	
Germany	138.70	145.20	+ 0.40	
High Yield #	48.18	50.91	- 0.23	8.31
-do- Accum #	51.39	54.30	- 0.25	8.31
Income Inc	187.10	200.10	+ 0.50%	4.27
-do- Accum	210.10	224.80	+ 0.50	4.27
International	392.40	419.40	- 1.60%	0.27
Intl Income	94.23	99.84	- 1.26	2.89
Japan & General	449.00	477.80	- 1.00%	
Korean Securities	64.12	68.58	- 0.66	
Orient Acc	176.10	188.40	- 1.00	0.18
UK General Inc	194.10	207.60	+ 0.10	0.91
UK General Acc	343.50	367.40	+ 0.10	0.91
UK Smlr Cos Inc	49.77	53.23	+ 0.15	4.07
-do- Accum	56.05	59.95	+ 0.16	4.07
UK Spec Sits	99.85	106.80		1.21
US Growth	186.50	197.80	- 2.70	
Wwide Spec Sits	162.50	173.30	+ 1.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	58.55	62.52	- 0.15	1.87
Cash Trust	143.37	143.37	+ 0.12	5.29
Practical Inv Inc #	122.55	131.07†	- 0.15	2.61
-do- Accum #	289.02	309.11†	- 0.33	2.61
UK Index	173.37	174.24†	- 0.17	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	167.84	179.51	- 0.03	0.65
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.20	25.08	- 0.04	7.89
High Income	34.06	36.41	- 0.05	5.19
UK Equity Income	153.96	164.68	- 0.51	3.14
Global Bond	30.12	31.22†	- 0.14	5.19
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	47.28	50.57†	- 0.45	
Global Managed	152.14	161.84†	- 0.84	1.30
Gold & Intl Res	125.45	134.17	- 0.45	0.84
Global Utilities	146.99	156.81	- 1.48	1.43
Overseas Funds				
American	192.87	205.13	- 2.13	0.93
European	132.78	140.81†	+ 0.11	0.78
Euro Sel Opps	200.40	212.76	+ 0.29	
Amer Emerging	161.16	172.36	- 1.62	
Hong Kong	166.17	177.82†	- 0.74	1.77
Japan	259.93	276.33	+ 0.88	.
Pacific Growth	338.32	354.88	- 2.44	. .
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	253.88	253.88†	- 0.32	2.04
Long Term Bal	273.02	273.02	- 0.68	2.84
Med Term Bal	223.45	223.45†	+ 1.69	3.04
UK Equity	290.07	290.07	- 0.39	2.53
UK Emerging Cos	172.26	172.26	+ 0.10	1.93
American	313.21	313.21†	- 3.33	1.02
Japan	142.05	142.05†	+ 0.42	.
European	342.38	342.38	- 0.15	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	177.77	177.77	- 0.58	2.69
Fixed Interest	166.71	166.71	- 0.39	6.63
Amer Emerging	367.88	367.88†	- 2.99	
Pacific	262.34	262.34	- 2.31	0.75
Emerging Mkts	128.01	128.01	- 1.06	0.18
Index Strat Japan	159.64	159.64	+ 0.10	0.13
-do- Pacific Rim	215.63	215.63	- 1.69	1.23
-do- Cont Europe	185.95	185.95	- 0.80	1.67
Index Strat USA	183.03	183.03	- 3.30	1.75
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	119.43	127.06	- 0.16	.
Med Term Bal	106.22	112.99	- 0.23	
Long Term Bal	122.54	130.35	- 0.33	. .
UK Equity	134.09	142.66	- 0.19	
UK Emerging Cos	80.65	85.79	+ 0.05	
American	144.89	154.13	- 1.64	
Japan	67.82	72.14	+ 0.25	.
European	141.79	150.83	- 0.07	
Fixed Interest	85.27	90.71	- 0.30	
Index Linked Gilt	78.94	83.98	- 0.27	
Deposit	85.52	90.98	+ 0.08	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	161.89	170.41†	+ 0.26	0.50
Brettn Gth Port Inc	73.62	77.70	+ 0.26	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.88	65.31	+ 0.32	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	63.10	66.60	+ 0.09	0.10
Shaw Utilities	67.33	71.06	- 1.10	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	620.57	660.18		1.46
-do- Accum	700.82	745.55		1.46
European Inc	173.59	189.68	+ 1.25	0.88
Amalgam Inc	163.26	172.86	+ 2.32	0.35
N America Inc	416.78	443.38		0.52
Far East Inc	399.33	424.82		
-do- Accum	413.86	440.28		
UK Divid Inc	204.25	217.29	.	2.51
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	101.57	108.62†	- 0.54	4.36
UK Small Cos	63.68	68.10†	+ 0.18	0.58
British Growth	68.34	73.08	- 0.05	2.73
American Gwth	274.66	293.75	+ 1.90	.
Japan Gwth	70.88	75.80	+ 0.54	
Greater China	199.41	213.26	+ 0.49	0.19
Pacific Strategy	166.81	178.40	+ 0.12	
European Gwth	109.77	117.39	- 0.49	0.48
Intl Growth	170.02	181.83	- 0.30	
US Index (F)	17.9037	18.8641	- 0.2627	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	91.73	98.10	+ 0.79	2.17
Monthly Income	40.99	43.53†	- 0.06	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Gnt UK Index (E)	13.6283	14.3677†	- 0.0060	5.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	105.01	111.71†		1.63
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	574.80	614.00	- 1.90	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	125.46	132.90	- 0.50	6.20
Growth Equity	411.10	439.20	- 0.10	1.29
Income Trust	149.90	160.10	+ 0.10	4.04
International	214.29	226.80	- 1.30	0.15
Japan Trust	133.70	142.80	+ 0.20	
Nth American	353.40	377.50	- 5.80	
Pacific	628.60	670.90	- 3.00	0.07
Guardfull	620.50	662.93	- 0.50	1.30
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	108.59	112.70	- 0.33	5.44
Global High Inc	103.14	107.09	- 0.31	5.98
Corporate Bond	102.04	105.93†	- 0.15	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	107.97	114.73†	- 0.05	5.16
European Growth	122.91	130.69	- 0.49	
Intl PEP Trust	70.58	75.04	- 0.16	
Equity Inc	133.80	142.27	- 0.16	4.05
-do- Accum	192.07	204.23	- 0.23	4.05
Recovery	363.80	386.83	- 0.40	1.84
-do- Accum	426.20	453.10	- 0.50	1.84
St Venc High Inc	129.09	131.02†	- 0.28	7.45
UK Emerg Cos	299.50	318.50	- 0.40	2.02
UK Smlr Cos	400.00	407.00	+ 5.10	2.26
Glob Prv Fd	113.35	120.52†	- 0.43	1.13
-do- Accum	115.64	122.95	- 0.45	1.13
Inc Share Tst	85.34	90.74†	+ 0.10	9.27
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	31.65	32.77	- 0.01	1.89
Growth Acc	32.54	34.50	- 0.01	1.39
Income	30.84	32.70†	- 0.03	4.09
Income Acc	32.17	34.11	- 0.09	4.09
Accumulation Tst	23.96	25.95		2.37
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 390				
High Provider	97.65	101.20†	- 0.30	6.99
Model Ptcio	236.20	248.03†	- 0.30	2.16
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries 0645 494949 Dealing 0645 484646				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	350.67	364.84†	- 0.53	0.91
Best of Britsh	71.42	75.91	- 0.07	2.43
UK Smaller Cos	145.44	156.34	- 0.07	1.21
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	302.57	325.48	+ 0.07	3.29
-do- Accum #	849.24	904.30	+ 0.21	3.29
High Income	340.25	363.70	- 0.27	4.48
Extra Income #	291.84	310.37†	- 0.35	5.73
Pref & Bond	46.27	49.84	- 0.04	8.30
International				
International	227.22	246.08†	+ 0.70	
Global Bond	56.35	59.23†	- 0.57	5.76
Intl Port Tst	99.65	105.50	+ 0.25	0.45
Global Tech	239.16	256.02	+ 0.65	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	202.30	216.33	- 0.71	0.05
European	603.91	639.71	- 1.84	0.12
European Income #	92.83	98.35	- 0.49	3.32

Euro Smlr Cos	177.79	188.69	- 1.80	2.72
European Value	86.88	92.48†	- 0.31	1.29
-do- Accum	93.44	99.46	- 0.34	1.29
Japan Trust	243.32	257.67	+ 1.56	
Japan Special Sits	251.18	267.43†	+ 2.95	.
Pacific Smlr Cos	262.37	280.72†	+ 1.42	. .
North American	309.11	327.93	- 4.01	.
American Smaller	172.11	184.08	- 1.06	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries. 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	155.90	164.20	. .	4.84
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	117.08	122.60	- 0.27	1.83
Capital	203.59	213.18	- 0.48	1.21
Dollar	478.97	501.54	- 6.05	. .
Enterprise Gth	410.98	430.09†	+ 0.51	1.23
European	276.76	289.80	- 0.97	0.38
Far East	347.45	363.82	- 3.49	
Financial	979.82	1010.25†	- 3.33	2.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.93	26.97	+ 0.02	8.30
High Yield	109.80	114.97	- 0.17	3.91
Income & Growth	159.07	166.57	- 0.18	3.38
International	303.29	317.58	- 0.87	
Japanese General	231.21	242.10	+ 2.01	.
Japan Tech	97.39	101.98	+ 1.31	.
Nat Resources	95.25	99.74†	+ 1.27	
Portfolio	85.72	89.76		1.28
Special Sits	195.87	205.10†	+ 0.11	0.39
UK Emerging Cos	118.40	123.98	- 0.02	0.83
US Smaller Cos	140.96	147.60	- 1.83	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	622.20	664.00	- 0.50	5.11
Capital	698.70	745.70†	- 0.50	2.42
Balanced #	111.80	119.30†	- 0.10	5.83
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	600.10	637.60†	- 9.70	0.55
European Gwth	142.10	151.20	- 0.20	.
Japan Gwth	306.80	327.40	+ 4.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	34.80	37.14	+ 0.53	.
Asian	68.41	73.01	- 0.57	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	92.72	98.95	- 0.58	. .
Hong Kong Gwth	133.80	142.80†	- 0.30	1.26
Global Bond	22.84	24.12	- 0.11	5.40
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	162.90	163.70		3.45
Trade Index	125.30	128.70†		2.19
THE FOOTSIE FUND	62.78	63.10	- 0.66	3.05
Index Funds-International				
American Index	271.80	273.20	- 5.10	1.16
Eurotrack 100	194.80	195.80	- 0.80	1.10
Japan Index	85.49	85.92	+ 0.30	0.22
Tiger Index	224.80	225.90	- 1.30	0.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	44.83	46.60†	- 0.03	0.70
General Funds				
Managed Dist	86.09	91.57	+ 0.34	1.24
Managed	89.97	93.52	+ 0.35	1.24
Rupert Child Fnd	97.93	101.80†	- 0.20	2.13
UK Growth	69.04	71.77	- 0.11	1.94
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	86.36	89.77†	- 0.18	6.68
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.25	27.08†		8.33
UK Inc & Gwth	46.62	48.46	- 0.13	3.04
UK Income	367.60	382.10	- 0.90	4.68
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	61.31	63.59†	- 0.98	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	156.30	162.50	- 2.30	
-do- Accum	158.00	164.20	- 2.30	
Europe Gth	224.50	232.90	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	232.60	241.30	- 0.20	.
Euro Smaller Cos	43.17	44.88	- 0.17	
French Growth	96.78	100.60†	- 0.50	0.33
-do- Accum	104.80	108.70†	- 0.60	0.33
H Kong & China	96.20	100.00†		1.27
Intl Growth	68.24	70.94	- 0.35	0.15
-do- Accum	69.19	71.92	- 0.36	0.15
Japan Gth	34.81	36.19	+ 0.21	
-do- Accum	34.81	36.19	+ 0.21	
Japan Smaller Cos	41.14	42.78	+ 0.67	
Glob Emg Mkts	100.60	104.60	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	101.30	105.30	- 1.00	
SE Asia	370.90	385.60†	- 0.20	0.02
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	54.94	56.61†	- 0.59	5.98
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	100.90	106.40		4.00
Sector Value Gwth	101.20	106.70		2.27
Hy 5 Europe	102.30	107.10	- 0.70	1.87
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	218.90	232.80	- 1.40	.
Income #	202.61	215.53	- 0.25	3.97
UK Growth	79.56	84.63	+ 0.01	2.02
Intl Growth	88.18	93.80		0.45
Ecology	102.11	108.62†	- 0.49	0.99
European	183.17	194.77	- 0.27	
Far Eastern	330.20	351.20		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.92	101.30†	+ 0.20	7.69
Gilt Yield	115.80	122.20†	- 0.30	6.96
Global Income	235.40	250.40	- 1.10	3.46
High Yield	150.40	160.00†	- 0.20	5.60
-do- Accum	483.70	514.60†	- 0.90	5.60
Smllr Cos Div	60.24	64.09	+ 0.04	3.24
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	146.00	155.30	- 3.10	
Asian Growth	364.10	387.30	- 1.80	0.21
-do- Accum	427.90	455.20	- 2.10	0.21
North American	106.10	112.90	- 1.70	0.23
European Special	123.50	131.40	- 0.20	0.10
European	177.10	188.40	- 1.20	0.43
-do- Accum	233.60	248.40	- 1.50	0.43
Global Eqty Inc	120.90	128.30	- 0.50	1.59
Japan	440.10	468.20	+ 1.40	.
Japanese Special	241.20	256.60	+ 1.60	
Smaller Cos	138.40	147.20	+ 0.40	1.04
UK Equity Growth	48.85	51.97		1.97
UK Index Inc	328.60	330.30	- 0.20	3.29
Bircham Tst	105.60	113.60	- 0.20	2.02
-do- Accum	106.10	114.10	- 0.20	2.02
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	292.67	311.35	- 0.44	4.97
Inc & Growth Inc	62.42	66.40		4.11
Smaller Cos	81.35	86.54†	- 0.22	1.17
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	290.50	309.00	- 0.30	1.74
High Income	113.60	120.80	- 0.60	4.30
International	119.10	126.70	- 0.10	0.47
European Trust	87.97	93.58†	- 0.49	0.81
Japanese Trust	45.28	48.17	+ 0.07	
American Trust	115.90	123.20†	- 0.90	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	441.90	468.90	- 0.10	2.38
UK Inc/Gth	461.80	490.00	- 0.60	3.97
UK Income	326.30	346.20	- 0.40	3.83
UK Sm Cos	289.40	309.50	+ 0.50	1.64
Euro Gwth	164.70	174.70	- 0.10	0.46
N Amer Gwth	120.90	128.10	- 2.68	
Japan Growth	70.35	74.64	+ 0.25	
Money Mkt	130.552	130.552		0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	560.90	596.70†	- 0.90	2.62
-do- Accum	£11.42	£12.15†	- 2.00	2.62
Equity Income #	104.30	111.00	- 0.20	4.51
UK Tactical Allocn	64.01	67.98†	- 0.01	4.01
European	142.40	151.50	- 0.40	1.10
Far Eastern	245.90	261.60	- 0.50	
Fixed Interest	52.52	55.87†	+ 0.03	7.30
Gilt	87.35	92.63†	- 2.79	6.69
Global Growth	86.42	91.94	- 0.26	0.25
Intl Bond	55.01	58.40	- 0.34	5.36
Japanese	77.48	82.43	+ 0.57	
North American	204.60	217.70	- 1.90	0.64
Pacific Growth	126.70	134.80†	- 1.00	0.07
UK Index	73.76	77.45†	- 1.06	3.00
UK Recovery	110.90	118.00		1.94
UK Smaller Cos	153.50	163.30		1.12
US Index	81.24	85.74	- 1.26	1.31
European Index	90.48	95.49	- 0.61	1.77
Japan Index	43.63	46.05	+ 0.12	
Worldwide	97.67	103.90	- 0.20	1.42
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 623				
Growth	55.14	58.97	- 0.11	2.08
Income	83.24	87.63	- 0.14	2.98
Far East	60.77	64.99†	- 0.17	
North American	135.20	144.30†	- 1.90	
Global	114.50	122.40†	- 0.40	0.18
European	57.89	104.50†	- 0.10	0.62
Japan	113.50	121.30	+ 0.40	
Intl Currency Bd	60.98	64.66†	- 0.45	4.32
SE Asia	119.40	127.70†	- 0.50	
UK Cap Growth	100.50	107.40†	- 0.10	1.64
Recovery Trust	65.46	70.01	- 0.14	1.22
Managed	77.39	82.32†	- 0.12	0.59
Cash	50.41	50.41	- 0.02	4.57
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk 01634 834 335 Dealing 01634 834 313				
Balanced	392.40	417.50	- 0.20	2.35
-do- Accum	915.80	974.30	- 0.50	2.35
Contl Euro Gth	79.81	82.96	- 0.31	0.65
-do- Accum	84.81	83.78	- 0.34	0.65
Extra Inc	282.50	300.60		4.07
-do- Accum	759.80	808.40	- 0.10	4.07
FTSE 100 Inc	116.70	124.30	- 0.10	2.66
FTSE 100 Acc	118.90	126.50		2.66
German Gth	138.00	145.30	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	144.70	152.30	- 0.70	
Growth Port	643.40	684.50	- 10.20	
-do- Accum	662.50	704.80	- 10.60	
High Interest Inc	95.10	98.55†	+ 0.28	7.92
High Interest Acc	97.65	101.20	+ 0.30	7.92
Hi Reserve Inc #	105.50	112.30	- 0.10	6.36
Hi Reserve Acc #	111.80	119.90		6.36
Income	541.30	575.30	- 0.40	3.42
-do- Accum	£15.09	£15.97	- 1.00	3.42
Income Port	549.00	584.10	- 5.00	4.50
-do- Accum	602.50	641.00	- 5.50	4.50
Japan Growth	114.90	122.30†	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	115.30	122.70	+ 0.20	
Master Trust	67.27	71.57	- 0.15	1.17
-do- Accum	76.43	81.31	- 0.18	1.17
N American Gen	238.10	253.30	- 4.20	.
-do- Accum	275.40	293.00	- 4.70	.
NAm Sm Co Rec	193.50	205.90	- 4.80	.
-do- Accum	197.40	210.00	- 4.90	...
Pacific Basin	288.70	307.20	- 1.00	0.08
-do- Accum	307.50	327.20	- 1.10	0.08
Small Cos Rec	484.20	513.90	+ 0.40	1.54
-do- Accum	584.90	699.80	+ 0.60	1.54
UK Eq Gth	157.20	167.30†	...	2.87
UK Eq Inc	123.80	131.80†	- 0.10	4.24
UK Growth	101.30	107.80		1.88
-do- Accum	125.70	133.80	- 0.10	1.88
Worldwide Gth	364.90	388.20	- 2.70	.
-do- Accum	539.30	573.80	- 3.80	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	85.82	91.87	- 1.39	0.40
General	103.68	111.12	+ 0.10	2.40
Income	71.13	76.32†	- 0.04	5.20
International	75.97	81.51	- 0.37	0.40
Japan	62.97	67.56	- 0.02	
Tst of Inv Trusts	75.46	80.96†	- 0.02	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	522.70	552.20	- 4.20	0.36
-do- Accum	653.20	690.10	- 5.30	0.36
Amer Recovery	563.20	595.60	- 5.80	0.35
-do- Accum	648.90	686.30	- 6.60	0.35
Amer Smllr Cos	162.60	171.90	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	166.10	175.60	- 0.80	
Australasian	193.90	205.00	+ 1.20	2.11
-do- Accum	241.80	255.40	+ 1.40	2.11
Capital	967.20	1022.80	+ 0.60	2.83
-do- Accum	1139.70	1205.20	+ 0.70	2.83
Charifund	753.90	761.50	- 0.60	5.67
-do- Accum	3738.70	3776.10	- 3.30	5.67
Commodity	509.30	538.60	+ 5.10	0.29
-do- Accum	751.00	794.20	+ 7.40	0.29
Compound Gth	1084.30	1146.60	- 2.10	3.00
-do- Accum	1166.60	1233.60	- 2.20	3.00
Corporate Bond	24.39	24.48†		7.90
Dividend	45.10	47.70		4.40
-do- Accum	196.50	208.00	.	4.40
Equity Income	353.00	373.30		4.95
-do- Accum	478.10	505.70	+ 0.10	4.95
Euro & General	631.40	667.70	- 1.30	0.88
-do- Accum	805.30	851.60	- 1.60	0.88
Euro Dividend	82.00	86.70	- 0.22	3.54
-do- Accum	101.90	107.70	- 0.30	3.54
Extra Yield	454.20	480.30†	- 0.70	5.00
-do- Accum	1495.80	1581.90†	- 2.40	5.00
Far Eastern	395.70	418.50†	- 1.50	1.07
-do- Accum	527.90	558.30†	- 2.00	1.07
Fund of Inv Tsts	696.80	736.90	- 0.90	1.88
-do- Accum	1323.90	1400.10	- 1.80	1.88
General	68.60	72.50		3.71
-do- Accum	199.30	210.80		3.71
Gilt Income	59.85	59.93	- 0.19	7.20
-do- Accum	175.40	175.64	- 0.56	7.20
Gold	85.80	90.70	+ 1.00	0.11
-do- Accum	101.90	107.80	+ 1.20	0.11
High Income	32.60	34.50		4.64
-do- Accum	136.20	144.30	- 0.10	4.64
Intl Growth	94.30	99.70	- 0.30	0.66
-do- Accum	166.00	175.40	- 0.60	0.66
International Inc	112.70	119.20	- 0.40	4.41
-do- Accum	174.20	184.40	- 0.60	4.41
Japan & Gen	43.30	45.70	+ 0.10	.
-do- Accum	46.50	49.10	+ 0.20	. .
Japan Smlr Cos	152.00	160.70	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	153.10	161.90	+ 1.60	.
Managed Gwth	27.20	28.70	.	1.66
Managed Income	29.90	31.40†		4.13
Midland	64.10	67.80	+ 0.20	3.28
-do- Accum	220.10	232.90	+ 0.90	3.28
Pension Ex	1066.50	1093.20	+ 0.60	4.31
Recovery	49.10	51.90		2.64
-do- Accum	82.60	87.30	.	2.64
Second General	77.20	81.60		3.83
-do- Accum	206.70	218.60	+ 0.10	3.83
Smaller Cos	73.10	77.30	- 0.10	3.20
-do- Accum	149.70	158.30	- 0.30	3.20
Treasury	25.13	25.17†	+ 0.01	5.95
Trustee	43.90	46.40		4.71
-do- Accum	183.60	194.30	.	4.71
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	98.61	105.11†	- 0.11	1.60
Intl Bond	66.52	69.89	- 0.72	5.25
Intl Equity Growth	86.90	92.34	- 0.32	0.66
N Amer Growth	132.56	140.87†	- 2.88	0.69
Special Sits Growth	25.95	27.60†	.	2.01
UK Growth	437.57	465.50†	+ 0.16	2.63
-do- Accum	593.88	631.78	+ 0.21	2.63
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1488.60	1509.50	.	2.90
Income #	1032.00	1048.90	.	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	161.10	165.40	.	3.66
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	174.40	179.80	- 0.40	2.32
-do- Accum	204.70	211.00	- 0.50	2.32
UK Sel Ptflio	153.30	158.10	- 0.10	2.47
-do- Accum	182.20	187.80	- 0.20	2.47
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.00	77.66†	+ 0.38	3.86
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	81.98	87.03†	- 0.24	3.86
European	102.70	109.00	- 0.10	0.75
Income #	82.36	87.42	- 0.12	4.44
Nth American	90.30	95.86	- 1.57	0.32
Far East	188.00	199.60	- 0.10	0.03
Japan	64.97	68.91†	+ 0.78	.
Emging Mkts	90.68	96.98	- 0.76	
Intl Growth	131.80	139.90†	- 0.40	0.72
UK Growth	117.90	125.20	+ 0.10	2.45
UK Smlr Co	59.65	63.32	+ 0.10	1.47
Asian Opps Fd	42.12	45.05	- 0.29	0.28
Glob Gwth PEP	61.06	64.81	- 0.09	1.04
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.80	110.50	+ 0.20	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	458.11	487.35†	- 0.68	4.53
Global Inc	73.94	78.66†	- 0.55	3.97
Brit Leaders	389.88	414.77†	- 0.56	3.47
Intl Leaders	230.13	244.82†	- 0.54	1.50
PAM Mg Bal Gth	73.38	78.24†	+ 0.19	0.62
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	261.00	275.60	- 5.10	
-do- Accum	279.10	294.70	- 5.60	
American Opps	124.50	132.80	- 1.80	
-do- Accum	126.00	134.40	- 1.90	
British Blue Chip	92.43	98.13†	- 0.03	2.45
-do- Accum	117.60	124.90†		2.45
Cash	101.10	101.10	+ 0.100	5.82
-do- Accum	145.20	145.20	+ 0.100	5.82
Emerging Mkts	122.70	131.90	- 1.10	0.11
-do- Accum	123.50	132.80	- 1.10	0.11
European Growth	308.40	327.00	- 0.60	0.14
-do- Accum	334.60	354.90	- 0.60	0.14
European Income	93.80	99.12	- 0.47	2.90
-do- Accum	131.60	139.00	- 0.70	2.90
General	587.50	625.30†	- 0.80	1.98
-do- Accum	1194.00	1271.00†	- 1.00	1.98
Global Bond	131.50	138.10†	- 0.80	6.12
-do- Accum	169.40	177.90†	- 1.10	6.12
Gold & General	259.10	278.30	- 0.50	0.32
-do- Accum	267.50	287.40	- 0.40	0.32
Govt Securities	92.02	94.86	- 0.21	6.28
-do- Accum	188.10	193.90	- 0.40	6.28
High Yield Bd	97.44	99.93†	- 0.17	7.55
-do- Accum	100.50	103.00†	- 0.30	7.55
Income	178.10	189.10		4.10
-do- Accum	291.30	309.40		4.10
Inc Portfolio #	108.80	115.20†	- 0.10	4.80
-do- Accum #	116.40	123.30†	- 0.10	4.80
Intl Opps	569.70	607.70	- 1.40	0.15
-do- Accum	766.60	817.70	- 2.00	0.15
Japan	183.80	196.00	+ 0.600	
-do- Accum	188.70	201.20	+ 0.600	.
New Europe	221.40	236.20	- 0.20	0.85
-do- Accum	230.40	245.80	- 0.10	0.85
Pacific	128.70	137.30	- 1.40	0.74
-do- Accum	138.10	147.30	- 1.50	0.74
Recovery	398.60	425.20	+ 0.300	0.61
-do- Accum	516.80	551.30	+ 0.400	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	65.28	69.74†	+ 1.460	0.74
-do- Accum	74.75	79.73†	+ 1.660	0.74
Portfolio	92.45	98.08†	- 0.20	2.35
-do- Accum	112.90	119.80†	- 0.20	2.35
Managed Gth	118.00	123.60	- 0.10	1.04
Managed Inc	116.60	121.00	- 0.20	2.99
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	146.81	158.18	- 0.24	0.15
Portfolio	78.10	83.08	- 0.18	1.44
UK Income Inc	87.71	90.31†	+ 0.06	4.66
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.31	70.50†	- 0.54	2.74
-do- Accum	73.73	77.20†	- 0.59	2.74
British Tst	101.20	106.00		2.10
-do- Accum	121.10	126.80		2.10
Corp Bond Inc	97.56	101.10	+ 0.10	6.92
-do- Accum	97.57	101.10	+ 0.10	6.92
Extra High Inc	69.24	72.50†	- 0.08	6.63
-do- Accum	143.90	150.60†	- 0.20	6.63
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.33	68.40	- 0.05	2.84
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.57	65.52	- 0.05	2.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.64	56.86†	- 0.26	6.82
-do- Accum	169.20	176.10†	- 0.80	6.82
High Yield	233.60	244.60	- 0.20	6.12
-do- Accum	616.80	645.80	- 0.60	6.12
Income	315.80	330.70	- 0.30	4.58
-do- Accum	722.90	756.90	- 0.70	4.58
Money Market UT	49.56	49.56	+ 0.04	4.79
-do- Accum	81.33	81.33	+ 0.07	4.79
Monthly Income	91.24	95.54†	- 0.12	4.89
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	125.80	133.80		1.47
European Growth	130.80	138.60	+ 0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	93.92	99.63	- 0.47	5.57
Income	97.76	104.00		2.46
Japan Growth	55.27	58.58	+ 0.06	.
Managed	80.68	85.83	- 0.25	2.05
Money Market	92.56	98.11	+ 0.10	4.10
North American	111.00	117.70	+ 0.10	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	114.10	121.40	+ 0.10	1.45
European Growth	122.80	130.20	+ 0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	88.94	94.34	- 0.37	5.57
Income	95.88	102.00	...	2.52
Japan Growth	54.98	58.27	+ 0.06	
Managed	77.10	82.02	- 0.24	2.03
Money Market	85.42	90.54	+ 0.09	4.06
North American	100.38	106.30	...	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	113.60	120.90	+ 0.10	1.45
European Growth	120.20	127.40	+ 0.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.37	86.32	- 0.38	5.72
Income	93.88	99.87	- 0.08	2.56
Japan Growth	56.24	59.62	+ 0.06	
Managed	79.91	85.01	- 0.26	2.04
Money Market	78.95	83.69	+ 0.07	4.16
North American	112.30	119.00		0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.09	15.99	.	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	464.00	492.80†	.	
European Gth Inc	657.20	700.60		. .
-do- Accum	664.30	708.20		.
Intl Gwth	235.40	250.10	. .	
UK Equity Inc	214.00	227.50		3.55
Do. Accum	287.10	305.30	.	3.55
UK Ind Trckr Inc	187.30	199.80†		2.50
-do- Accum	228.20	243.40†		2.50
US Eq Ind Tkr Inc	273.30	289.40	.	0.89
Japan Tracker	80.18	84.56		.
Asian Tracker	242.47	257.82	. .	0.16
Managed Inc	187.80	199.90	.	2.17
Deposit Inc	99.99	99.99†		5.31
Europa	318.90	341.50†		.
Genesis	203.10	219.20	+ 0.40	1.50
High Income	21.14	22.41	. .	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 099 933				
Acumen	107.40	110.00	- 0.20	2.21
Acumen Inc	98.43	100.70	- 1.30	2.21
Acumen Reserve	90.51	91.41	+ 0.14	8.33
-do- Inc	71.93	72.65	- 0.09	8.33
American Growth	66.72	68.98	- 0.75	
Cash Income	49.89	49.89	+ 0.03	5.36
Equity Income #	102.80	105.50†	- 0.20	4.59
European	80.68	82.30	- 0.77	0.60
Smaller Cos	88.50	92.86	- 0.30	1.07
W'wide Eqty	77.83	78.66	- 0.05	. .
Global Bond	46.01	46.53	- 0.47	6.15
UK Growth	109.60	112.60	- 0.10	1.87
Pacific Growth	129.50	134.90	- 1.10	0.54
Japan Growth	109.70	111.60	+ 0.30	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	143.58	152.74	- 0.20	2.86
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	87.16	92.72	- 0.09	2.24
UK Income	123.50	131.38	- 0.10	3.93
Higher Income	232.61	247.46		5.11
Smaller Cos	101.10	107.55†	- 0.84	1.73
International	111.76	118.89	- 0.28	1.41
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	131.80	140.20	- 2.30	0.30
European Dist	144.40	153.60	- 0.60	0.20
Far East Dist	210.70	224.10	- 1.40	.
Global Care Dist	86.79	92.33	- 0.71	0.67
Oseas Dist	1223.20	1301.30†	- 7.70	0.01
-do- Accum	1587.60	1688.90	- 10.10	0.01
UK Dist	411.90	438.20	- 0.80	2.55
-do- Accum	825.20	877.90	- 1.70	2.55
UK Extra Inc Dist	90.72	96.51	- 0.13	3.42
Wwide Dist	127.10	135.20†	- 1.00	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	86.61	92.14†	- 0.51	1.79
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	75.68	79.87†	- 0.27	0.94
Fund of Funds Inc	69.16	72.99	- 0.10	1.88
North America Inc	65.93	69.58	- 1.25	.
UK Equity Gth Inc	68.15	71.93	- 0.09	2.57
-do- Accum	72.38	76.39	- 0.10	2.57
UK General Inc	66.55	70.24†	- 0.06	2.72
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	47.23	49.75†	- 0.12	6.93
UK Income Inc	65.00	68.60	- 0.09	4.08
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	54.39	57.95	- 0.47	. .
-do- Accum	54.79	58.29	- 0.48	
Bond	125.63	133.31	- 0.63	5.87
Cash Income	50.88	50.88	+ 0.03	5.52
-do- Accum	67.62	67.62	+ 0.03	5.52
Distributor	103.00	109.57†	- 0.08	2.91
European	54.13	57.58	+ 0.04	.
Foundation	107.11	113.95†	- 0.07	2.50
General	216.69	230.52	- 0.48	1.59
Global	382.52	405.94†	- 1.00	0.34
Growth Inc	141.86	150.91†	- 0.04	2.45
Growth Acc	143.72	152.96†	- 0.04	2.45
Higher Income Inc	30.92	32.97†	- 0.05	4.72
-do- Accum	36.93	39.29†	- 0.06	4.72
Income	257.63	274.07†	- 0.19	3.27
Intrepid	142.76	151.71	- 1.51	3.27
Japan	29.36	31.23	- 0.04	
Oriental Inc	124.22	131.94	- 0.85	0.36
-do- Accum	178.47	197.73	- 0.88	0.36
Pers Inc Bench	36.90	39.25	- 0.19	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.25	50.08		5.04
Managed	111.80	118.33		2.21
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	142.41	149.91†	- 0.07	1.15
UK Equity	162.06	170.59†	- 0.12	2.92
UK Equity Income	148.17	155.97	- 0.24	3.26
UK Smaller Cos	134.84	141.94	- 0.14	1.44
UK Equity Growth	151.92	159.92†	- 0.15	2.15
UK Index Trckg	164.23	172.87†	+ 0.13	3.38
Intl Index Trckg	174.88	184.08†	- 1.55	0.91
International	284.14	299.09	- 1.48	0.54
European	250.05	263.21	- 0.76	0.35
Pan European	162.66	171.24	- 0.60	1.31
Nth American	236.47	248.92	- 4.21	0.15
N Amer Smlr Cos	245.07	257.91	- 2.65	.
Japanese	100.41	105.69	+ 0.36	
Pacific	262.85	276.68	- 0.29	0.40
South East Asian	300.31	316.12†	- 1.24	0.64
Intl Bond	138.84	146.15	- 1.46	4.17
Gilt & Convertible	106.33	111.93	- 0.29	5.73
Property	61.80	65.11	+ 0.03	5.86
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	313.40	338.40	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	331.60	358.00	- 0.50	
Japan Inc	118.70	126.80	+ 1.10	...
Nth American Inc	130.90	139.30	- 2.50	0.45
Worldwide Inc	176.80	199.90	+ 0.30	0.25
Hong Kong Inc	174.30	187.20		1.16
Swiss Equities Inc	91.74	98.12†	- 0.35	
Wwide Bond Inc	66.27	70.12†	- 0.33	5.42
Emging Asia Inc	226.80	248.30	- 0.70	.
-do- Accum	229.60	249.20	- 0.80	...
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.40	50.40	+ 0.03	5.59
Thailand Inc	184.80	201.20	+ 0.80	1.16
New Zealand Inc	103.90	111.60	.	2.66
Ins Mngd PEP Inc	70.16	75.20†	- 0.08	1.41
Latin Am Crcp Inc	62.46	67.50	- 0.83	.
UK Alt Sts Mkr Inc	67.60	68.73†	- 0.07	2.81
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	90.14	96.41	+ 0.26	
Global Portfolio	80.88	86.50	+ 0.18	. .
Global Opps	70.77	75.37	- 0.24	.
March Global Grth	70.47	74.73	+ 0.06	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	108.20	116.50†	- 0.20	.
Temple Equity Inc	46.99	51.30	- 0.09	3.13
Hartley Growth	105.90	112.70	- 0.10	0.25
Intl Growth Inc	91.71	98.08	- 0.08	1.30
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.62	101.20	+ 1.63	.
Premier Perfmr Inc	71.71	76.69	+ 0.07	1.47
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.78	86.40	+ 0.36	0.32
Slater Gwth	135.80	144.50	.	
International Strat	87.66	93.75	+ 0.09	.
UFC Intl-Act Grth	83.79	88.22	+ 0.16	
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.30	61.07	+ 0.04	. .
Chartfield Sec	123.60	134.40	- 0.30	
Lowes Intl Growth	53.58	56.40	- 0.54	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	234.10	249.00†	+ 0.20	1.47
European Gth	128.10	137.00†	- 0.70	0.65
Income & Gth #	154.40	164.30†	+ 0.50	2.98
Japan Gth	121.40	129.20†	+ 0.30	
Nth Amer Gth	211.60	225.30†	- 2.90	
Overseas Gth	125.40	133.40†	- 0.90	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg. 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	273.40	290.80	+ 0.20	2.47
-do- Accum	590.70	628.40	+ 0.30	2.47
Growth	180.90	190.30	+ 0.10	2.69
Income	264.00	280.70†	- 0.30	3.55
Intl Equity	295.50	314.30	- 2.50	0.63
-do- Accum	329.00	349.90	- 2.80	0.63
UK Income	73.22	77.89	+ 0.03	3.11
UK Intl 25	92.04	97.91	- 0.18	1.95
New Europe	99.42	105.70	- 0.20	0.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	696.30	744.71	- 2.98	0.55
-do- Accum	699.03	747.63	- 2.99	0.55
Income	419.16	448.37†	+ 0.10	3.22
Wwide Recovery	471.63	504.42	- 1.40	0.52
Amer Growth Inc	303.56	323.69	- 2.25	0.01
-do- Accum	303.56	323.69	- 2.25	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	294.87	315.37	- 0.74	0.03
Far Estn Gth Inc	320.16	342.42	+ 1.52	0.61
-do- Accum	321.33	343.67	+ 1.53	0.61
Euro Gwth Inc	178.77	191.01	- 1.35	0.26
-do- Accum	179.39	191.67	- 1.36	0.26
UK Growth Inc	110.05	117.71†	- 0.11	2.70
-do- Accum	118.27	126.50	- 0.11	2.70
High Income	110.74	118.44	- 0.05	3.88
Jap Gwth Inc	225.50	241.17†	+ 1.10	0.01
-do- Accum	225.50	241.17	+ 1.10	0.01
PEP Growth	145.82	155.91	- 0.47	0.92
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	145.37	155.48	+ 0.07	0.07
-do- Accum	145.71	155.85	+ 0.07	0.07
Amer Smlr Co Inc	197.95	211.72	- 0.39	0.01
-do- Accum	197.95	211.72	- 0.39	0.01
Global Bond	57.04	60.05†	- 0.27	5.65
UK Smaller Cos Inc	105.05	112.38	+ 0.07	1.40
-do- Accum	110.53	118.22	+ 0.07	1.40
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	134.93	143.54	+ 0.49	
European	92.60	98.51	+ 0.32	
Global	72.62	77.25	+ 0.14	
Pacific	66.70	70.96†	+ 0.04	. . .
UK Inc & Gwth	76.80	81.70†	+ 0.30	2.08
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	191.27	202.40	- 2.97	0.69
Emerg Mkts	48.86	51.70	- 0.33	1.01
High Income #	53.68	56.80†	+ 0.12	5.72
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	168.45	177.08†	+ 0.05	1.98
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	121.50	129.30	- 1.00	3.03
Conv & Gilt	117.30	124.80	- 0.10	5.80
European Income	86.90	92.45	- 0.36	3.37
Extra Income	178.70	190.10†	+ 0.60	4.93
-do- Accum	228.10	242.70	+ 0.70	4.93
Far East	451.70	480.50†		0.24
-do- Accum	461.20	490.60		0.24
Global Income	28.88	30.73	- 0.13	5.05
High Income	137.50	146.10	- 0.10	4.46
-do- Accum	169.60	180.50	- 0.20	4.46
International	222.80	237.00†	- 2.40	0.64
-do- Accum	230.80	245.60	- 2.40	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	43.57	46.35		7.38
Recovery	86.68	92.22	+ 0.11	2.21
Special Sits	142.40	151.50	+ 0.40	1.47
-do- Accum	156.60	166.80	+ 0.40	1.47
Technology	713.90	759.50	- 7.20	...
UK Blue Chip	84.85	90.27	- 0.02	3.00
-do- Accum	97.51	103.70	- 0.10	3.00
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	45.64	47.29	- 0.05	1.75
Cash Haven Inc	101.51	102.00	+ 0.05	4.94
Cash Haven Acc	116.69	117.27	+ 0.07	4.94
Dist Trust Inc	104.17	107.94	- 1.43	6.43
Dist Trust Acc	115.32	119.50	- 0.10	6.43
Global Growth	106.21	112.38	- 0.24	1.17
Equity Inc	91.51	97.35	+ 0.14	4.48
Equity	847.02	901.08		2.42
European	263.89	273.46	- 0.51	0.78
High Income	92.10	97.97	- 0.05	5.30
Intl Gth	224.80	239.14	- 0.81	0.83
Intl Sm Co	96.72	102.89	- 0.36	0.65
Japanese	235.85	244.40	+ 1.32	.
Nth Amer	236.12	244.68	- 4.65	1.26
Pacific Mkts	126.28	130.86	- 0.47	0.64
Premier Inc	47.34	49.26	- 0.86	6.70
Sm Cos	109.89	116.90	- 0.05	1.39
Spec Sits	125.79	133.81	- 0.07	2.55
UK Growth	143.63	152.79	- 0.07	2.33
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	333.90	354.20†	- 5.90	3.24
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	653.24	693.79	- 18.67	0.82
FA America (Acc)	763.97	811.39	- 19.49	0.82
FA UK Equity Inc	180.59	192.89	- 0.38	3.49
FA Japan	258.18	274.51	+ 2.11	.
FA Major UK Cos	112.15	119.53	- 0.06	1.88
FA Smlr UK Cos	360.90	392.86†	+ 0.42	0.98
FA European	407.74	433.83	- 0.20	0.26
FA Amer Smllr Cos	58.40	62.38	- 0.84	
FA Asia	59.43	63.77	- 0.58	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	45.81	48.96	+ 0.59	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	117.68	123.86	- 0.08	.
UK Smllr Cos	108.30	111.89	+ 0.12	.
UK Income	115.80	121.89	- 0.24	.
America	131.66	138.58	- 3.33	. .
Japanese	57.08	60.08	+ 0.47	.
European	131.59	138.51	- 0.06	. .
Gilt	95.38	100.39	- 0.16	. .
Deposit	88.44	93.09	+ 0.07	.
Managed	113.76	119.74	- 1.73	.
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	114.42	120.43	- 0.07	.
UK Smaller Cos	103.66	109.11	+ 0.13	.
UK Income	112.79	118.72	- 0.24	.
America	127.93	134.65	- 3.25	.
Japanese	56.46	59.37	+ 0.44	.
European	128.01	134.74	- 0.06	
Gilt	93.20	98.10	- 0.14	
Deposit	84.63	89.08	+ 0.07	
Managed	107.94	113.61	- 0.11	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 392 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	115.70	123.20	- 0.50	0.25
Pacific Basin	86.20	92.49	- 0.07	0.25
High Inc Dist	151.60	162.20†	+ 0.70	4.20
Ryl Life Intl Crncy	63.40	67.14†	+ 0.06	2.07
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	80.52	85.67	- 0.37	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	73.74	78.44†	- 0.16	. .
UK Emerging Cos	151.50	163.70	+ 0.40	0.94
UK Index Trckg	192.30	204.90	+ 1.80	3.21
European	162.30	174.50	- 0.80	0.27
Managed	179.40	192.90	+ 0.30	1.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	192.30	204.50	- 4.00	1.57
European Growth	137.20	145.40†	- 0.10	2.26
Far East Growth	159.60	169.80	- 1.30	1.78
Japan Growth	139.40	148.10	- 1.20	
Special Sits	239.70	255.00†	+ 0.70	1.17
UK Growth	96.36	102.50	+ 0.70	1.90
Trilon General	292.10	310.80†	- 1.90	0.95
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6580				
Far East Inc	184.00	194.70	- 0.80	0.23
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	396.40	419.50	- 0.80	0.33
-do- Accum	619.40	655.50	- 1.40	0.33
Growth Inc	152.70	161.60	- 0.40	0.20
-do- Accum	156.50	165.60	- 0.50	0.20
International Inc	401.20	424.60	- 1.60	0.22
-do- Accum	553.10	585.30	- 2.30	0.22
Nth Am & Intl Inc	406.80	430.50	- 6.20	0.62
UK Gen Prog Inc	249.80	264.30	+ 0.10	1.09
-do- Accum	286.10	302.70	+ 0.10	1.09
UK High Inc Inc	145.60	154.10	+ 0.10	4.70
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	79.15	84.20	- 1.33	.
Asian Gwth	131.64	140.03†	- 1.44	0.75
European Gwth	88.38	94.01	- 0.51	1.00
Global Bd	62.37	65.91†	- 0.40	5.00
Global Eq	67.56	71.87	- 0.44	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	58.81	62.56†	+ 0.45	.
UK Gwth	85.07	92.19	+ 0.19	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	90.34	96.11	- 1.77	3.12
Amer Smlr Cos	146.30	155.60	- 1.90	.
Asian Smaller Cos	46.77	49.76	- 0.06	.
Capital Portfolio	149.20	158.70	- 0.10	1.87
Cash	132.50	132.50†	+ 0.10	5.50
China Dragon	67.20	71.49	- 0.24	1.38
Commodity	158.90	169.00†	+ 0.50	
Eastern Discovery	115.60	123.00	. .	. .
Emerging Mkts	38.98	41.47	- 0.39	.
Energy Intl	157.10	167.10	- 0.20	0.23
European Gwth	231.00	245.70	- 0.60	0.30
Euro Inc & Gwth #	93.43	99.39	- 0.25	1.69
Euro Smllr Cos	71.68	76.25	+ 0.56	0.10
Extra Income #	55.58	57.40	+ 0.05	6.10
Financial Secs	270.60	287.90	- 3.70	0.80
High Income #	47.74	47.74†	+ 0.05	7.68
Gold & Exploration	119.60	127.20	+ 1.00	
High Return #	252.00	268.10	- 0.50	3.86
High Yield #	253.60	269.80†	- 0.60	3.10
Income #	130.60	138.90	- 0.20	3.99
Intl Bond	169.40	178.90†	- 1.60	5.92
ITU	238.80	254.00†	- 0.10	0.74
Japan Growth	187.20	199.10	+ 0.50	. .
Japan Smaller	188.00	200.00	+ 1.10	
Korea	60.74	64.62	- 0.69	
Masterfund	64.98	65.31	- 0.08	0.86
Southern Africa	64.78	68.91	- 0.65	1.18
Scotbits	404.40	430.20	- 6.80	1.16
Scotshares #	344.00	366.00	- 0.30	1.96
Scotyields #	272.00	289.40†	- 0.20	2.67
Select Intl	157.50	167.60	- 0.60	0.56
Smaller Cos Inc #	257.30	273.60†	+ 1.00	3.45
SE Asia	58.53	62.27	- 0.65	0.19
Special Situation	153.80	163.60		1.73
UK Equity #	283.80	301.90	- 0.20	2.40
UK Growth	78.42	83.43	+ 0.02	1.93
UK & O'seas	197.10	209.70	- 0.20	1.08
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	58.43	62.16	+ 0.08	1.38
US Growth	208.00	221.30†	- 4.20	.
Univ Growth	160.90	171.20†	- 0.70	0.48
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	333.98	353.68	- 4.46	0.93
-do- Accum	367.43	389.11	- 4.90	0.93
European Gwth	90.81	96.20	- 0.27	0.83
Euro Smllr Cos	108.64	115.44	- 0.58	0.24
Far Eastern Gth	116.61	124.38	- 0.91	. .
-do- Accum	118.86	126.78	- 0.01	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.51	53.24†	- 0.13	7.82
Global Bond #	52.59	54.34	- 0.36	6.85
-do- Accum #	60.92	62.95	- 0.42	6.85
Global Emer Mkts	57.45	61.27†	- 0.43	
-do- Accum	57.53	61.36†	- 0.43	
Income #	403.29	430.17†	- 0.68	5.11
-do- Accum #	£13.37	£14.27†	- 2.25	5.11
Japan Smllr Cos	457.48	487.97	+ 1.59	.
-do- Accum	458.39	488.95	+ 1.60	
Japan Enterprise	72.75	77.60†	+ 0.47	
Pacific Gwth	165.11	176.11	- 1.37	0.40
-do- Accum	171.03	182.42	- 1.42	0.40
Portfolio	93.85	100.10	- 0.16	1.80
-do- Accum	103.60	110.50	- 0.18	1.80
Seoul	49.97	53.30	- 0.45	
-do- Accum	49.97	53.30	- 0.45	
Smaller Cos	279.21	297.82	+ 0.17	0.96
Strategic Inc	100.53	107.13	- 0.07	1.75
Strategic Acc	100.53	107.13	- 0.07	1.75
Tokyo	133.70	142.61†	+ 0.21	.
-do- Accum	135.05	144.05†	+ 0.22	.
UK Enterprise	329.56	351.53	- 0.93	2.01
-do- Accum	402.43	429.26	- 1.13	2.01
UK Equity	293.27	312.82	- 0.16	2.45
-do- Accum	583.06	621.93	- 0.36	2.45
US Smllr Cos	227.92	243.11	- 1.32	
-do- Accum)	227.92	243.11	- 1.32	.
Institutional Funds				
European	288.03	298.84	- 1.93	1.30
-do- Accum	323.59	335.74	- 2.17	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	36.05	37.55	- 0.15	1.21
-do- Accum	38.74	40.34	- 0.17	1.21
Global Equity Inc	92.98	96.85	- 0.81	0.91
Japan Smllr Cos	39.40	41.04	- 0.13	0.07
-do- Accum	39.74	41.39	- 0.13	0.07
Mngd Balanced	221.98	231.14†	- 0.43	2.84
-do- Accum	258.96	269.75†	- 0.49	2.84
Overseas Equity	226.95	236.40	- 1.78	1.09
-do- Accum	237.04	246.91	- 1.86	1.09
Oseas Smllr Cos	149.84	156.08†	- 1.20	0.97
-do- Accum	157.90	164.47†	- 1.27	0.97
Pacific	296.88	309.25	- 1.58	1.03
-do- Accum	328.05	341.72	- 1.75	1.03
Recovery	£22.87	£23.82	+ 3.50	2.91
-do- Accum	£24.82	£25.86	+ 3.80	2.91
UK Index	181.50	189.06	+ 1.33	3.32
-do- Accum	228.34	237.85	+ 1.68	3.32
UK Small Cos	134.31	139.90†	+ 0.09	2.54
-do- Accum	147.44	153.58†	+ 0.10	2.54
US Smllr Cos	65.91	68.65	- 0.58	0.60
-do- Accum	67.42	70.22	- 0.60	0.80
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	58.50	61.86	+ 0.54	3.41
Equity Trust	73.97	78.22	+ 0.68	3.06
Equity Strategy	87.57	92.61	+ 0.64	1.32
European Opps	105.70	111.78	- 0.42	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	76.29	80.68	+ 0.37	1.11
Maximum Inc	98.77	101.34	+ 0.06	5.81
Japanese	85.42	90.33	+ 0.97	.
Asia Pacific	138.84	146.81	- 1.27	0.52
American	134.66	142.40	- 2.11	0.48
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.57	32.57	+ 0.02	5.609
UK General Inc	61.36	65.44	- 0.06	3.20
-do- Accum	80.64	86.00	- 0.08	3.20
Intl Income	303.40	323.40	- 0.70	1.68
-do- Accum	530.10	565.10	- 1.20	1.68
European	99.78	105.78	- 0.25	1.74
Japan	73.03	77.40	+ 0.37	.
American	92.54	97.98	- 1.66	1.64
Far East	98.81	105.38	- 0.23	1.25
Ethical Inc	37.93	40.56	+ 0.02	1.92
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.29	40.93†	- 0.08	3.04
High Inc Inc	41.34	44.10	- 0.02	3.63
UK Global Inc	47.38	50.80†	- 0.20	1.78
Wwide Tact	82.01	87.50	- 0.10	1.00
Europe 2000 Tact	68.06	72.45	- 0.11	1.25
Technology	152.86	162.84	- 0.45	0.89
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	461.40	492.00	- 0.70	2.82
American	346.60	367.60	- 5.10	0.62
Pacific	443.60	474.40	. .	0.27
European	666.90	713.30	- 3.30	1.04
Worldwide	106.90	114.30	- 0.60	0.54
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	318.70	339.10	- 0.50	1.92
-do- Accum	412.50	438.90	- 0.60	1.92
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	262.30	279.00	+ 0.20	1.04
-do- Accum	320.70	341.20	+ 0.20	1.04
Select Opprtny Inc	84.12	89.97†	- 0.16	1.67
Income Plus Inc	81.01	86.19†	+ 0.01	3.49
European Inc	426.80	454.10†	- 1.40	0.89
-do- Accum	486.90	518.00†	- 1.60	0.89
Far Eastern Inc	196.60	209.20†	- 0.40	0.83
-do- Accum	226.70	241.20†	- 0.40	0.83
Japanese Inc	66.15	70.38†	+ 0.32	
Nth American Inc	315.70	335.90†	- 3.50	0.12
-do- Accum	349.00	371.30†	- 3.90	0.12
Intl Growth Inc	237.80	253.10	- 0.40	0.77
Wwide Venture Inc	95.10	101.20†	- 0.20	1.04
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	429.50	458.80	+ 3.10	2.37
-do- Accum	651.30	694.60	+ 4.80	2.37
UK High Inc	203.30	216.90	+ 1.60	3.48
-do- Accum	310.00	330.60	+ 2.30	3.48
Europe Inc	469.00	500.20	- 2.30	0.48
Nth Amer Inc	308.70	329.20	- 5.70	...
Global Inc	261.70	279.10	- 1.80	0.23
Global Acc	281.90	300.70	- 1.00	0.23
UK Spec Sits Inc	123.40	131.60	+ 0.70	1.89
South East Asia	260.40	277.80	- 3.20	0.24
Cash Trust Inc	101.50	101.50	+ 0.10	5.80
UK Smllr Cos Inc	122.00	130.10	+ 0.30	1.98
-do- Accum	127.00	135.50	+ 0.40	1.98
Intl Bond Inc	97.01	103.00	- 0.70	5.38
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	157.40	165.70	- 0.90	0.84
Nth American	138.80	146.10	- 2.90	0.04
Intl Bond & Conv	129.10	135.90	+ 0.10	6.52
Pooled Pension (E)	229.70	247.08	- 0.60	1.94
Smaller Cos	107.10	112.70	+ 0.10	0.81
UK General	159.00	167.40	+ 0.20	2.37
Far Eastern	108.40	114.10	- 0.30	. .
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6228				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	127.07	†	- 2.08	...
Arlet ‡	66.69	†	- 1.22	
European ‡	164.18	†	+ 0.02	0.28
Global Bond ‡	91.79	†	- 0.62	8.63
Investment Trust ‡	112.19	†	+ 0.06	1.92
Preferred Income ‡	105.51	†	- 0.09	5.63
Samurai ‡	61.24		+ 0.93	
Sterling Reserve ‡	109.14	†	+ 0.07	6.09
UK Growth ‡	108.97	†	- 0.13	2.30
Tal Pan ‡	110.30	†	- 0.14	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	111.35	†	+ 0.12	2.72
UK Equity Inc ‡	113.08	†	- 0.23	5.33
Glob Gwth PEP	76.30	81.17	- 0.47	1.22
Pref Inc PEP #	102.90	108.60†	- 0.10	5.58
Inv Trust PEP	55.91	59.47	+ 0.16	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	451.10	477.30	+ 2.70	...
Capital	147.08	157.10	+ 0.70	1.75
Cash	100.22	100.22†	+ 0.01	5.33
European	162.30	171.70	+ 0.40	0.86
Far Eastern	171.50	181.50	+ 0.50	. .
Growth	162.80	172.20	+ 1.00	2.15
Income #	136.70	143.50†	+ 0.50	4.67
Magnum	157.60	168.60†	+ 0.50	1.67
Smlr Secs	497.50	526.40†	+ 1.40	0.28
Thoroughbred	183.70	196.60†	+ 1.00	1.37
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cnsfld Prinance	56.34	60.25	+ 0.10	7.08
Ethical	79.19	84.70†	+ 0.07	0.29
European Growth	83.86	89.21	- 0.29	1.13
Income	60.86	65.11	+ 0.31	4.30
Intl Growth	116.50	124.20	- 0.30	1.17
Managed	95.98	102.30	- 0.10	1.95
UK Growth	77.70	83.10	+ 0.78	1.14
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advig Inc	46.86	42.10	+ 0.10	1.79
Global Advig Acc	50.78	51.04	+ 0.10	1.79
Income Advig Inc	35.61	35.79†	+ 0.38	3.51
Income Advig Acc	40.86	41.07	+ 0.39	3.51
UK Equity Gth Acc	92.04	97.57	+ 0.40	1.05
Premier Inc Inc	47.91	50.43†		7.88
Premier Inc Acc	49.87	52.28	. .	7.88
Managed Acc	61.67	65.38	+ 0.10	1.56
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.39	42.82†	+ 0.40	4.38
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.86	56.04	+ 0.50	4.38
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	75.41	80.13	+ 0.60	2.19
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.47	57.88†	+ 0.40	2.19
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.83	32.61†	. .	6.98
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	376.40	408.40	- 2.90	1.76
Nth American Acc	58.38	62.03	- 0.80	
Pacific Basin	49.54	52.64	- 0.10	0.06
European Acc	60.04	63.80	- 0.10	1.33
Japan Acc	29.06	30.88	- 0.10	. .
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.413	4.681	.	1.72
US Eqts (US$)	3.326	3.432	.	0.93
Far East Eqts (yen)	269.20	285.90		.
FT Europa	153.50	163.10	. .	1.19
FT N Amer (US$)	2.421	2.572	.	0.42
FT Japan (yen)	247.30	262.00		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.902	3.082	.	0.60
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	523.50	555.70	- 10.09	. .
British #	1254.40	1327.20†	+ 1.30	2.96
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Roots in the past, a mind on today

Since last year's Last Night of the Proms, when his *Panic* lashed out for the first time, all the world surely knows that Harrison Birtwistle is the composer of music that is loud, shocking and rude. And all the world is right — but it is wrong to censure him for it.

Loudness can be exhilarating or challenging, shocks can open doors in the mind that one did not realise were standing there waiting to be unlocked, and rudeness, honest rudeness, may at least be telling us the truth. We hear an unaccustomed noise, and instinctively we run for cover. But we might gain more if we would stay out there a while, and listen, and grow to learn, even grow to love.

We have the chance. On Friday night the South Bank Centre will be giving British concertgoers a long-awaited opportunity to hear and see again Birtwistle's biggest work so far, *The Mask of Orpheus*, for the first time since it was staged by English National Opera in 1986.

On that occasion I wrote in *The Times* that the world was changed, and so it was. I cannot imagine the last decade without the opportunity, every now and then, to remember that evening in the Coliseum, and to try to take on board all it was saying about the slipperiness of stories, about — despite that slipperiness, and maybe even thanks to it — the hold over us possessed by myths, about the power of music to summon gods, about the multiple timetracks on which we all pursue our lives.

This time around, *Orpheus* is only a beginning. Across the next three weeks will come a series of concerts, *Secret Theatres*, to bring us some of the works that led up to the opera, and some of those that have followed it, including the extravagantly inventive piano concerto *Antiphonies*, as well as a brand new piece for Birtwistle's longstanding champions the London Sinfonietta, and a whole programme of songs to words by Paul Celan punctuated by brief movements for string quartet.

One of the marks of Birtwistle's mastery — a mastery which *Secret Theatres* celebrates — is that any attempt to define his music is bound to fail. I mentioned at the start its loudness, and indeed it does enjoy what recourse it can get to the tonage of a big brass section in full voice, or the energetic noise of xylophones or drums, or the shriek of high woodwind. But then a lot of Birtwistle is quiet, and certainly his most haunting music comes in long melodic lines that will often be found stepping in the background of his musical landscape, gently and almost secretly, humming to themselves.

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So this is music that can be stealthy as well as shocking — and even the shock may be that of finding something one knew already, but did not have the music for: the pitiless violence of nature (most definitely including the violence inherent in the nature of the human animal), the touching efforts people make to dress themselves against that violence, the depth of time, the sanctity of occasion. And if the effect can be rude, uncompromising, then Birtwistle has also written some of the most seductive love music of the late 20th century, and some of the most disconsolate laments.

Another contradiction is that Birtwistle should be seen as representing the far left of music when he stands so solidly with its great traditions. The disciplined savagery of his work is an inheritance from Varèse; the ceremonial forms provide a link with Messiaen; and he learnt from Stravinsky that a bunch of instrumentalists, whether a small group or a full orchestra, could become the dramatis personae in abstract plays of solo stance, group identity and crowd dissent, so that every piece of music is also a piece of theatre.

But Birtwistle's traditionalism has roots further back. I remember him saying — not with foolish pride, but with seriousness and dedication — that when he wrote for the orchestra he took his standard from Beethoven. This does not mean, of course, that his music apes Beethoven's style, or that it should do so. What was most traditional about Beethoven was his determination to create something different, of his own, out of himself. So it is with Birtwistle. And Birtwistle also seems to share something that is even rarer today, which is a belief in the Beethovenian paradox that music must be fiercely individual if it is to reach everyone, and that it must reflect today if it is to be of interest tomorrow.

Over the past 40 years, Birtwistle has reflected — and reflected on — many different todays: the studiousness of the Fifties, the extroversion and scepticism of the Sixties, the retrenchment of the Seventies, the materialism of the Eighties, and now the wild mix of retrogression and hope that marks the ending of the millennium. And all the time he has stayed true to himself, and true to a certainty that music could be new and at the same time immemorially old — as old as regret, elation, cruelty and prayer.

● Secret Theatres: The Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective *starts on Friday at the Festival Hall (0171-960 4242) with* The Mask of Orpheus, *and continues until May 4*

CONCERT

Fast, furious and forte

EVER since the film *Amadeus*, Mozart's Requiem has pulled in the crowds, and Sunday night's performance at the Barbican by The Sixteen and the City of London Sinfonia under Harry Christophers was no exception: the hall was filled to capacity. It was an all-Mozart evening, with another favourite, the *Exultate, Jubilate*, and the *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* (including the much-loved *Laudate Dominum*) in the first half of the programme.

It was a big occasion, then, for the soprano soloist, who also has some of the best moments in the Requiem. Lynda Russell would not have been my first choice for Mozart; she negotiated *Exultate, Jubilate* with moderate success, but her voice lacks the range, especially in the lower register, and, it must be said, the quality to be able to bring off a truly special performance. Towards the end of the evening especially, she tended to sing everything forte — but in this she was not alone.

The Sixteen/ Christophers
Barbican

The other soloists, Catherine Wyn-Rogers (now there's a voice with quality), Mark Padmore and Michael George, were of a different calibre, so it was a shame they had so much less to do.

The real stars were, of course, The Sixteen, here expanded to some 26 singers and including the best freelance professionals that London has to offer. Clarity and precision are the hallmarks of The Sixteen no less in Mozart than in Renaissance polyphony; it is just still more of a treat in Mozart. They gave it their all, whether in the whirlwind psalm settings of the Vespers (plenty here to presage the Requiem) or that melting moment in the "Confutatis" where the sopranos enter on "Voca me". Even that could have been quieter, but by then the City of London Sinfonia and Harry Christophers had the bit between the teeth and were careering towards the finishing post.

Christophers's approach was generally fast and furious, and this generated much excitement, especially in movements which lend themselves perfectly to the hell-for-leather treatment such as the "Rex tremendae". Others, such as the Offertorium, seemed too precipitate, with Mozart's string writing trampled in the headlong rush.

The City of London Sinfonia, with concessions to historical awareness (though not as many as advertised) played like the excellent modern orchestra they are, with Christophers apparently making little stylistic impression. That is, if he wanted to, for in those passages that demanded a slower pace, the interpretation was decidedly Romantic. In any case, he was unable to bring the same light and shade to the orchestral playing as to the singing of his superb choir.

TESS KNIGHTON

Carol Yahr as Brünnhilde in *Götterdämmerung*: her performance is a tour de force

Fresh Nordic insights

Before 1993, Wagner's *Rheingold*, *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung* had never been staged in Norway. Over the past three years, therefore, the Norwegian Opera has been building up its first *Ring*, under the baton of the former East German conductor Heinz Fricke and produced by the British director Mike Ashman, but with largely native singers making their debuts in the roles.

The project is now complete, with a *Götterdämmerung* that has just opened; two cycles will be given in Oslo and British audiences will be able to see the entire *Ring* cycle at Norwich's Theatre Royal in June 1997.

The strength and great joy of this production is that musical and theatrical elements work not only effectively in their own terms but also in combination with each other. The production teems with fresh insights.

It opens with a striking image: the three Norns, locked in embrace, against a bare, brooding Nordic landscape. At the end of the following scene, as Brünnhilde bids farewell to Siegfried, she raises a statuesque arm and the stage revolves — an exciting moment with the orchestra in full flood. For Siegfried's Rhine journey, a curtain descends with a conventionally painted Rhineland scene.

> Norwegian Opera has its first full *Ring* cycle, and it's headed our way

If at this point the traditionalists breathe a sigh of relief, they are in for a shock. The Gibichung Hall is a vaguely futuristic vision. Hagen monitors Siegfried's progress while seated at a control desk, and bellows his repeated "Hoiho!" as through a public address system. The austerity of the sci-fi decor is complemented by a pair of bright red armchairs, the "thrones" of Gunther and Gutrune.

Terje Stensvold's Gunther is a towering performance; he is wisely portrayed not as the usual ineffectual pawn of Hagen, but as an unscrupulous character who knows what he wants. He comes dangerously close to eclipsing Gudjon Oskarsson's Hagen vocally, but this is a fine performance in a different mould. Unlike the lumbering Hagen of tradition, Oskarsson is a prowler. Hyperactive, obsessive: a chilling portrait of the misfit who turns out to be a killer.

Kjersti Ekeberg is a very acceptable Gutrune. The Siegfried of the American James O'Neal tends towards the lyrical rather than the heroic, but it is capable of good things.

Kathrine Hysing's sets and costumes for the second and third acts continue the ambivalence (and hence the universality) of the first. Minimalist in conception (a simple portal in Act II, a slab of rock in Act III), the sets are animated by John Bishop's virtuoso lighting plot, telling in its casting of facial shadow, spectacular in creating a portentously blood-red sky or, for that matter, a final conflagration.

Rosemarie Lang's Waltraute and Oskar Hillebrandt's Alberich are excellent, Carol Yahr's Brünnhilde a triumph. Originally a mezzo, Yahr just occasionally gives cause for concern at the top, but the passion with which she invests the vocal line makes it a tour de force.

Fricke's conducting is outstanding. He knows exactly how to keep things on the move. This is Wagner conducting on a par with anything that can be heard in the world today.

BARRY MILLINGTON

The best of intentions

Jamie James reflects on the brilliant highlights and ambitious disappointments that marked this year's Salzburg Easter Festival

As the Salzburg Summer Festival becomes ever more controversial, giving rise to a suspicion that it is more at the service of directorial egos than of art, the Easter Festival is now a model of serious artistic intentions, if not always of great accomplishments.

Everyone you meet in Salzburg is eager to tell you that Karajan still casts a long shadow here. Yet by any fair measure, in the three years since he was named artistic director, Claudio Abbado has made changes that have fundamentally altered the festival, putting his stamp indelibly on the ten-day event.

He instituted an avant-garde chamber music festival called Kontrapunkte, which awards a prize for composition; this year's laureate was the young Italian composer Marco Stroppa. The prize was presented to Stroppa by jury chairman Luciano Berio at a recital in the Mozarteum, which was led by the 21-year-old English conductor named Daniel Harding, formerly an assistant to Sir Simon Rattle in Birmingham. The Easter Festival has also established prizes in literature and art; this year, the honorees were the novelist Didier van Cauwelaert and the British sculptor Rachel Whiteread.

In order to open up the performances to an audience beyond the ermine-and-Louis-Vuitton set (top ticket prices here are now well over £300), Abbado has instituted a cheap pass that admits the holder to all rehearsals for the evening concerts, which are always sold out.

While this year's Easter Festival did offer some fine performances, generally artistic reach exceeded grasp. The first night, as ever, was a new opera production. Abbado invited the Italian film-maker Ermanno Olmi to produce *Otello*, with Placido Domingo, inevitably, in the name part. The production was marred by a mountainous unitary set by Lucio Fanti, a dreary heap of stone slabs scattered helter-skelter, which was more suggestive of a dilapidated Druid temple than the regal splendour of the Lion of Venice. Olmi's staging was strangely inert, perhaps drained of vitality by the awkward set.

Yet these were the finest musical moments of the festival. Abbado elicited a performance of mighty intensity and bold proportions from the Berliners, who were powerfully assisted by the choruses of the Vienna State Opera and the Slovak Philharmonic Chorus of Bratislava. The playing indeed proved to be a bit too magnificent for Domingo, who had difficulty making himself heard over the orchestra at several points. By the finale of the second act, he looked and sounded quite drained, but he came back creditably after the interval. Ruggero Raimondi was superb in his debut in the part of Iago, communicating the full measure of evil in Verdi and Boito's fabulous creation; at the conclusion of the Credo he seemed almost to astonish himself at the blackness of his soul. Barbara Frittoli was a real discovery as Desdemona. At first her full, rich voice seemed perhaps a bit too meaty for this role, but by the end of the love duet, it seemed just meaty enough. She was utterly captivating in the finale, executing the pianissimi of the Willow Song with impressive control.

If Abbado's Verdi gained steely strength from a dose of Germanic rigour, his performance of Bruckner's Symphony No 7 might have benefited from a mollifying southern touch. It was unquestionably a virtuosic performance by the orchestra, but in some key passages Abbado seemed to be exaggerating the score's extremes, setting one section of the orchestra against another as though it were a competition rather than a group effort. He was outshone, Bruckner-wise, by Bernard Haitink, who had conducted a tasteful, exquisitely nuanced performance of the Fourth Symphony the evening before.

This being Salzburg, both of the Bruckner symphonies were paired with concertos that Mozart wrote here, the Fourth with Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat major (KV271), played with his wonted suavity by Murray Perahia, and the Seventh with the Sinfonia Concertante (KV364), with Berlin concertmaster Rainer Kussmaul and first violinist Wolfram Christ taking the solo parts.

The cycle ended with a banging whimper, a clamorous and somewhat hectic performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9. The strings were particularly disappointing, hazy and unfocused in the first movement, and less than ideally assertive in their responses to the brass in the third movement. The introduction of the "Freude" theme by the lower strings in the finale seemed rushed and perfunctory.

Bryn Terfel brought some relief with his virile, pleasingly stentorian introduction of the Ode, but it was too late: the finale careered to its conclusion at a breathless pace, and none too expressively.

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■ CHOICE 1

A new revue celebrates the life and songs of Doris Day

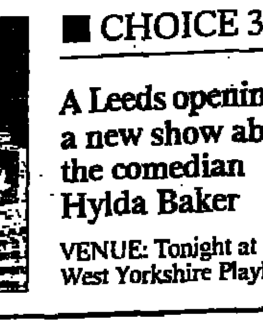
VENUE: From tonight at *the King's Head, London*

■ CHOICE 2

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens starts its British tour in Birmingham

VENUE: Tonight at the Repertory Theatre

THE TIMES ARTS



■ CHOICE 3

A Leeds opening for a new show about the comedian Hylda Baker

VENUE: Tonight at the West Yorkshire Playhouse

■ JAZZ

The legendary bass player Ray Brown takes time out from his crowded European tour to come to Britain

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

THE RELAPSE. Opening night for Victor Spinetti as the fretful Lord Foppington in Ian Judge's production from last year's Stratford, where it sweetened Vanbrugh's dark harshness. **Pit**, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. Then in rep with *The Devil is an Ass* Ⓢ

DEFINITELY DORIS Opening night too for this revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day. Cast of five. **King's Head**, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then *Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat and Sun*, 3.30pm. Until May 26 Ⓢ

TRAVELLING OPERA: The company's summer season begins with evocative stagings of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* (tonight, Friday) and Bizet's *Carmen* (tomorrow, Saturday). Sung in English with chamber orchestra accompaniment. **Richmond**, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). 7.45pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM The Montreal company **Les Grands Ballets Canadiens** opens at Birmingham Rep with *Quinaura*, created for them by Mark Morris. Jiri Kylián's thrilling *Sinfonietta* and *Rassemblement* by Nacho Duato complete the programme.

Repertory, Broad Street Ⓢ (0121-236 4455). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Next in **Blackpool**, Grand Ⓢ (01253 28372). Apr 14

Also in Birmingham, conductor Yehudi Menuhin and the **Warsaw Sinfonia** make the second stop on their UK tour. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street Ⓢ (0121-212 3333). 8pm. Tomorrow in **Southend**, Cliffs Pavilion (01702 351135)

BUXTON. *Solitaire*, Kenneth MacMillan's playful ballet, joins **London City Ballet**'s repertoire, with music by Malcolm Arnold. Given with Frederick Ashton's *Les Patineurs* and popular showpieces in a gala programme. **Opera House**, Water Street (01298 72190). *Tonight-Apr 13*, 7.30pm; mat 2.30pm, Apr 13. Next in **Bromley**, Churchill (0181-4606 677), Apr 15-20.

LEEDS Opening night for Jean Fergusson, playing the gossipy comedian *Hylda Baker* in the one-woman show **She Knows You Know**. Starting a long tour.

***Courtyard**, West Yorkshire Playhouse*, Quarry Hill (0113-244 2111). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Apr 17 and May 1, 2pm, Apr 13 and 27, 3pm. Until May 4 Ⓢ

NORWICH. F. *Murray Abraham* and Gemma Jones in **Tolstoy**, a roller-coaster portrayal of the passionate, tormented marriage of Leo and Sonya Tolstoy. Jack Hofsiss directs the much-awaited new play from James Goldman. *In the West End from the end of April*. **Theatre Royal**, Theatre Street (01603 630 000). Tonight-Apr 13, 7.30pm. Mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Diaghilev: Creator of the Ballets Russes (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Okyo and Kyoto paintings (0171-636 1555) . . **Courtauld**: Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (071-873 2526) . . **Hayward**: Spellbound: Art and Film (071-928 3144) . . **Llewellyn Alexander Gallery**: A Million Brushstrokes IV, miniatures (0171-620 1322) . . **National Gallery**: At Home *with Constable's Cornfield* (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: David Livingstone and the Victorian Encounter with Africa (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate**: *Bill Woodrow: 15 bronze statues* (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Leighton Frescoes (0171-938 8500)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **CHAPTER TWO** Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm

☐ **COMPANY**: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). *Mon-Sat*, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **DEFINITELY DORIS**: Revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day. Cast of five, and said to feature more than 40 of the songs. **King's Head**, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until May 26 Ⓢ

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Triumphant return for Peter Hall's production of Wilde's drama of political sleaze and scandal. The star cast includes Martin Shaw, Anna Carteret, Pennie Downie. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE LAST ROMANTICS** Maggie Steed, Mark Kingston and Robert Langdon Lloyd in eloquent Nigel Williams play, first seen on TV, about F R Leavis and two Qs — his wife Queenie and his former mentor, Quiller Couch. Matthew Francis directs.

Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

☐ **MORE THAN KISSES** A success at last year's Edinburgh, Graeme Messer and Clare Basel's play with music: a woman's obsession for a gay man and his for dangerous sex. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2256). Tue-Thurs and Sat-Sun, 7.45pm; Fri, 8.15pm

☐ **MARY STUART**: Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen; French actress Isabelle Huppert less at ease with the language as her doomed rival. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

☐ **PASSION** An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball.

Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ ***SOME SUNNY DAY***: Martin Sherman's new play, set in Cairo in 1942 with *the German army very close and* the Brits being variously British. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

◪ **TAP DOGS**: Dein Perry's sextet of dancers in working-boots returns to its building-site set. High energy stuff. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**. Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ ***Don't Dress for Dinner***: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ◪ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . ◪ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ◪ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's *(0171-494 5400)* . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

NADJA. Adventures of Dracula's *offspring in New York. Any but effective* horror film from US independent Michael Almereyda. With Elina Löwensohn and Peter Fonda. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647) **MGM Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148)

NORTH BY NORTHWEST (PG): Cary Grant is mistaken for a non-existent spy. Welcome revival of Hitchcock's playful, entertaining thriller (1959), with James Mason and Eva Marie Saint. **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691)

SMALL FACES (18) Gillies and Billy MacKinnon's marvellous evocation of a Glasgow childhood in the late 60s, largely cast with *local talent*. **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS (15) Jet-black satire about Hollywood, with Kevin Spacey as a monstrous studio executive, and Frank Whaley. Director, George Huang. **MGMs: Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

CURRENT

◆ **CUTTHROAT ISLAND** (PG) Redundant pirate movie, with miscast stars (Geena Davis, Matthew Modine). **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, carefully balanced drama about capital punishment. Director, Tim Robbins. **Barbican** Ⓢ *(0171-638 8891)* **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DUNSTON CHECKS IN** (PG): Orang-utan causes havoc in a five-star hotel. Perky family comedy with Jason Alexander, Rupert Everett and Faye Dunaway. Director, Ken Kwapis. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **GET SHORTY** (15) John Travolta's loanshark takes on the movie business. Entertaining but trivial comedy from Elmore Leonard's novel. Director, Barry Sonnenfeld. With Danny De Vito, Gene Hackman, Rene Russo, Delroy Lindo. **Empire** *(0171-437 1234)* ***MGMs: Fulham Road*** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **LEAVING LAS VEGAS** (18): Nicolas Cage drinks himself to death. Striking, intimate drama from director Mike Figgis. With Elisabeth Shue. **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U) Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters with different approaches to romance. **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Curzons: *Mayfair*** *(0171-369 1720)* ***West End*** (0171-369 1722) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

◆ **TOY STORY** (PG): Computer-animated Disney delight with a cast of fretful toys. With the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 *3323)* ***MGMs: Baker Street*** *(0171-935 9772)* **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

In praise of a bass instinct

JAZZ: **Alyn Shipton** meets Ray Brown, a legendary master of the instrument, in Britain for a single appearance this Sunday

Not many bass players in jazz have also been successful bandleaders. With the colourful exception of the late Charles Mingus, most of those who tried leading are largely forgotten, apart from Ray Brown, the most distinguished and respected bassist in jazz today. The pioneer of modern jazz bass with Dizzy Gillespie in the late 1940s, briefly married to *Ella* Fitzgerald, and then for 15 years the anchor of Oscar Peterson's original trio, *Brown has been leading* his own groups since the 1960s.

Brown is in Britain *for a single appearance* at the Cheltenham Festival with his trio on Sunday. His current European tour schedule (celebrating his forthcoming 70th birthday in October) reads like an airline timetable, with gigs in Barcelona jostling with those in Oslo and Vienna. Despite this hectic touring schedule, and although he has worked as a freelance on more recording sessions than almost any other bassist, Brown has led comparatively few of his own groups on recording dates. Recently he was in New York to record his next album as leader, the second of a series which started last year.

Any suggestion that Brown leads a jazz piano trio is firmly rebuffed within a few minutes of conversation in a room dominated by his bass, and its huge white coffin of a flight case. What he leads, he maintains, is a bass trio, and in all his work he sees himself as an advocate for the instrument.

Although he is a big man who exudes an impression of youthfulness that belies his 69 years, Brown fidgets as he talks, his feet moving in conversation as if they were tapping along during playback in the studio. The restlessness grows when he is killing time, and it suddenly dispels when he gets behind his bass, accompanied by a spontaneous grin as he starts to play.

Jazz records may never be the big business of rock or classical music, but there is definitely a feeling among the major US labels that it is profitable at present. With Verve, Blue Note and Columbia all actively recording, this ought to be good news for jazz. But *the majors tend to concentrate* on a small but marketable group of "guests", whose appear*ances on one another's* albums look more like inbreeding than cross-fertilisation.

> ‘The restlessness dispels when he gets behind his bass’

Brown instinctively dislikes this concept of having guests appear on one or two tracks to strengthen the saleability of an album, and so his present series of albums is designed to go one better than that, turning the idea on its head to create anthologies that feature a guest on every track, each volume focusing on a major solo instrument. He started by varying the piano chair in his trio with *Some of My Best Friends are . . . The Piano Players* (Telarc 83373).

By mixing seasoned old-timers such as Ahmad Jamal and Oscar Peterson with new blood such as Benny Green, Dado Moroni and Geoff Keezer, Brown has combined saleable names of the past 40 years with the better members of jazz's new floating repertory company. "I first came up with the idea five or six years ago," says Brown, "but the company sat on it for a couple of years and all of a sudden decided they liked it. I didn't particularly care which instrument we started with, but my idea is to do all the instruments.

"I don't like telling people of this ilk what they should play. The pianists on the first album are all accomplished musicians, and so are the saxophonists such as Joe Lovano, Benny Carter and Stanley Turrentine, who'll appear on the new album. I can't have them come in and say to them 'Play this!' — that's tacky. So we sit down, talk about it, think about songs and usually end up saying 'Hey! what about this one!'"

As the sessions move along, Brown doesn't take many bass solos, but just as he is a constant, compelling presence on his last album, his personality shapes the music for the new one firmly and coherently. Despite comparative mayhem in the studio, the first results suggest he has achieved the fine balance between the commercial pressure to sell albums and the improvisatory freedom that jazz is all about.

● Ray Brown *is at the Cheltenham Festival (01242 227 979) on Sunday*

DAVID REDFERN/REDFERNS

Ray Brown: the current vogue for jazz records sees him deftly balancing commercial pressures with his own improvisatory nature

RADIO: New life stirs at Radio 2, says **Peter Barnard**

Looking for listeners

James Moir is in his second week as Controller of Radio 2, at present the hottest seat in BBC Radio apart from the one awaiting Liz Forgan's successor. The network is looking for a new audience, or rather an additional audience, to compensate for ratings falls of nearly two million in three years.

Radio 2 has already gone through one shake-up, which has given it more focus. On present evidence, Moir appears to be hunting listeners along the dial, notably in the area deserted by those in the 40-plus age group who fled Radio 1 when Matthew Bannister came in to reposition that network.

Some critics already have the knives out for the avuncular Moir, who was the BBC's head of light entertainment. My own knife is still in its sheath. Moir's stamp will be on Radio 2 in six months; to pass judgment after eight days would be absurd.

The surest sign of Moir's approach is the arrival of Steve Wright, the former Radio 1 presenter who fled to Talk Radio UK, thus proving that we all make mistakes. Wright now has a three-hour Saturday morning slot on Radio 2.

He deserves it. Wright's footwork is among the surest and fastest in all radio, ensuring that interviewees do not get the standard easy ride. He listens to what people say, a rare attribute in a medium where presenters are often fonder of their own voices than those of others.

Wright could well become the successor to Jimmy Young (now neither will speak to me again). Young's own show has been cut by 30 minutes, and I would certainly like to see Wright tackle subjects beyond the usual showbiz puffery.

There are those who say that Moir is encouraging too much of a bimedia approach, but radio and television have always lived off each other and Radio 2 is very much a personality network: the fact that a radio interview is linked to a television event does not of itself justify disparagement.

Elsewhere this week, *Between Heaven and Hell* (Radio 3, Monday to Friday) is staking a claim as one of the best documentary series of the year. The subject is Jerusalem and the writer/presenter, Michael Kustow, has created a beautifully evocative portrait of the city.

The whole is interlaced with music and poetry but neither is exclusively, or even mainly, Jewish. At the factual level, the series is at times startling: I had not realised that whereas the rulers of Jerusalem have changed 85 times in its history, only three times have the Jews taken control. Kustow offers a resonant portrait of a place "whose air is filled with prayers and dreams" and Friday's final programme looks at ways by which the present fear and mistrust might be dissipated.

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Give no regards to Broadway

GILL ALLEN

Martin Sherman has had only one hit back home, but several in Britain. Will *Some Sunny Day*, which opens this week, be the next?

This looks like being Martin Sherman's year, despite not having written a new play for seven years. The American dramatist's new work, *Some Sunny Day*, opens tomorrow, boasting the sort of starry cast (Rupert Everett, Cheryl Campbell, Corin Redgrave) that sounds destined to enliven the West End.

And that's not all — shooting is completed on his first original film script — *Indian Summer*, starring Antony Sher and directed by Nancy Meckler — and next month sees the start of production on a film of his best-known play, *Bent*. In addition, Sherman is working on scripts for both Mike Newell and for Nicholas Hytner: the latter project is an adaptation of *The Dybbuk*, transplanted to Atlantic City in the 1950s.

The demand is due in some measure to the success of his first film, *The Clothes In the Wardrobe*, based on Alice Thomas Ellis's novel, which was a Bafta nominee and had an acclaimed cinema run in America in 1994 under the title *The Summer House*.

"I've never even approached being this busy," Sherman says, marvelling at the shift in profile from his early years spent knocking around off-Broadway where, as he recalls, "I basically couldn't get arrested." Born in New Jersey and educated at Boston University, in the 1970s he became part of the same emerging New York generation as Lanford Wilson and Terrence McNally. But whereas those playwrights went on to win Pulitzers and Tony Awards, Sherman began noticing one salient fact: the best productions of his work were being done in England.

"I either wasn't produced, or I was produced badly," he says, looking back on those years less with bitterness than wry humour. His freewheeling dissection of 1960s mores, *Cracks*, had audiences "falling from trees saying it's a hit" during a 1975 summer workshop at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Centre in Connecticut, where its cast included Meryl Streep and Christopher Lloyd. The following winter, presented off-Broadway with different actors, it was mangled. "The play got the worst reviews maybe ever in the history of the New York theatre, and they were deserved," Sherman says. "By opening night, no one laughed."

> ‘The belief in America is that playwrights have to be led, coddled and corrected’

It took 18 years for the laughs to resurface, this time at the King's Head in north London. "The play was finally redeemed," Sherman says of director Tim Luscombe's production. "That gave me so much personal satisfaction."

Sherman's career is full of comparable stories. "Everyone, I think, thought *Bent* was a fluke," Sherman says of his only play to reach Broadway, in 1980. The production, starring Richard Gere, brought its author a Tony nomination.

Several years after that production closed, Sherman was dropped by his New York agents. Indeed, it seems significant that it has taken the influence of his close friend Wendy Wasserstein, herself a highly commercial New York playwright, to get an off-Broadway showing next year of Sherman's 1989 West End play, *A Madhouse In Goa*, which starred Vanessa Redgrave in its London run.

Sherman has his own theories about his greater acceptance in London. "My plays do seem to be about outsiders, so perhaps I was always an outsider to whatever was happening in New York."

He finds London a simpler place in which to live and work. "It's much easier if you're not English than if you are; you don't have to deal with class and judgments and categories all the time. People respond to me only as an American, and whatever their prejudices, hates, or likes about an American author are, they are nothing compared to the judgments they make about their own race."

He has higher regard, too, for a playwriting environment free of the countless workshops upon which the American theatre depends. "The belief over there is that playwrights are cripples who don't really know what they're doing and have to be led, coddled and constantly corrected." As proof, he cites initial reaction to the startling second act of *Bent*, in which two gay men incarcerated at Dachau are given the lethal task of shifting rocks from one pile to another and pause only to achieve orgasm by verbal means. "All the advice I was getting was, 'You can't have two men moving rocks for an hour', as if I was being punished for not being the dutiful child."

What the American mainstream will make of *Some Sunny Day* is anyone's guess. Set during a steamy Egyptian summer in 1942, the play focuses on a community of foreigners in Cairo, few of whom are what they appear at first to be. Coupling a cockeyed nod to *Hamlet* with elements of cloak and dagger (among other genres), the play has Sherman's usual ripeness alongside "a collection of people so disparate and so eccentric that they would obviously appeal to me." Several of the characters could have stepped out of the charged bohemian world of *When She Danced*, Sherman's play about Isadora Duncan that has received two separate stagings in London (and one calamitous one off-Broadway).

And if things are looking up for the playwright, that only confirms what he was told by an astrologer some 30 years ago in New York. "He said my life was going to be miserable for a long time, and then it was going to improve radically. I was very depressed at the time — but it has all been true."

● Some Sunny Day *opens at the Hampstead Theatre (0171-722 9301) tomorrow night*

MARILYN KINGWILL

Celia Roberston (left) and Adrienne Swan as a pair of "fallen women" in *Victoriana*, David Hart's play about William Gladstone's involvement with ladies of the street

A Prime Minister walks in the dark

Victoriana
New End

First, a personal confession. I once had an idea for a play about Gladstone, deciding that his long involvement with ladies of the street — bent on rescuing them, of course — had the stuff of evident drama to it.

He would bring one of them back to No 10 and take off her shawl, only to discover that she was a young man in disguise, an Irishman to boot, who would proceed to harangue the Grand Old Man on the Irish Question and convert him to the cause.

I decided the idea was perhaps a little too fanciful, but it was anchored in reality compared with what happens to Gladstone in David Hart's play, even before Disraeli arranges to meet him in St George's Church — a metaphor for England, I suspect — and appears there wearing only a loin-cloth, hanging from the Cross, to deliver a speech on the Jewish Question.

We are more or less inside Gladstone's mind by this point. Where once he voted for Jewish Emancipation, 40 years of sitting opposite Ben Disraeli has turned him into a rabid anti-Semite. He spews out racial hatred, in the time he has to spare after allowing pretty ladies — not all from the streets — to unbutton the front flap of his trousers and do what is necessary.

I don't know about you, but from what I remember of Gladstone's tormented sexual anxieties this openness does not strike me as likely, particularly as we are not inside his mind in these scenes but in society drawing rooms and boudoirs. His proto-Nazi ravings are even less persuasive.

The interesting notion that at first seemed to be Hart's dramatic question is whether or not Disraeli ever told the Queen about Gladstone's nocturnal wanderings, and if so what effect did it have on the Liberal administrations?

To ask Disraeli this question Hart brings on Mr Punch, a thoroughly nasty piece of work, in red and yellow motley, who eventually points to his hooked nose, his own nose, that is, and says words to the effect of: "You can tell me, Ben. I'm a Jew as well."

The political play is thereupon taken over by the Jewish play, and not all the golden suavity of Jonathan Elsom's voice enabled me to follow the arguments in Disraeli's god-like, and very long, closing speech.

The author had the misfortune to lose the other leading man during rehearsals, and though Jon Harris's direction is not exactly wooden, his performance as Gladstone, though gallantly undertaken at short notice, is fairly plank-like.

Perhaps fiercer sparks would have flashed from the character if the production had gone according to plan.

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Trolley load of Ken

Choice Chunks
Waterman's Theatre

THIS latest invitation to enter the divine madness of the Ken Campbell mind is described as a retrospective look at the best of past Campbells, *Jeremy Kingston writes*. The implication — and it is in the title too — is that he will dart along the supermarket aisle of his memory, a sort of Unsafeways, throwing us a tin of *Pigspurt*, a bag of *Jamais Vu*, a taste of *Furtive Nudist*, a packet of *Mystery Bruises*, and we will split our sides together.

There are gaps in my collection of Campbell shows and, this being so, I can't be positive that all the serpentine tales he unwinds upon us are old ones. In truth, he refers to what he has been doing recently, interviewing philosophers for television, visiting some underground temple in the Alps, and this would suggest we are hearing up-to-the-minute stuff.

But Campbell, he of the shining cranium and eyebrow wigs, is nothing if not artful in the way he links his tales. The appearance of the sink-plunger, to be attached to the cranium, is a reminder that what he has been tossing into the trolley is probably old product after all, but in a different wrapper.

Nobody who has heard him talk of the Ken Dodd routines turned into pidgin by an actor travelling through Melanesia will be sorry to listen to it all again. Nor the revelation that somewhere out in the New Hebrides the Duke of Edinburgh is worshipped as a god.

There certainly is some new material here. He brings on to his cluttered stage the young Vietnamese violinist Thieu-hoa, who is to take part in his National show, *Violin Time*. He even called forth from the back row of the audience the Newfoundlander she is to marry. Depending how you look at it, Canada is a black hole in Campbell's universe or a sort of hyperspace: everything disappears into it or is routed through there into a place that ought to be a billion miles away but turns out to be under our noses.

The underlying theme is the superficially weird but intimate relationship that everything bears to *everything else*. He has developed the parenthesis to an art form, and the shaggy-dog story too, making the route to the last "A-ha!" intriguing and funny. His new material needs to be given neater shape, or a more contrived shapelessness, but doubtless he'll do this in time for the violins at the Cottesloe.

Mad and bad in the library

The Fruit has Turned to Jam in the Fields
Young Vic Studio

THE ground is buried beneath a spill of novels covered in that sad cellophane that speaks of public libraries. Below a clutch of battered institutional lamps, three wooden cupboards stand in a line, doors shut.

After a sudden black-out three torches switch on inside, creeping up the cracks. Out of a drawer a hand pushes up. Next thing you know in this wacky three-hander by the women's troupe Scarlet Theatre, a jaunty theme tune has piped up. A dusty librarian (Jane Guernier), her bun dishevelled, emerges from her locker, chalks up another day, and sets off on her rounds, tidying away the hand en route. She repeats the cycle with the absurdity of a clown.

Yet she has the air of being at once frantic and ground down. Indeed, she looks as if a bomb has hit the library. Her face is blackened, her behaviour perhaps shell-shocked. Two other women (Amanda Hadingue and Maeve Larkin), their blouses in shreds or blood-soaked, launch into a routine impersonating the chaps from *Dad's Army*. This may be an aggressive game or a comfort, avoiding reality.

Meanwhile Guernier keeps asking if this is the land of the library because she (or he?) is about to be betrothed to Elizabeth. Sometimes they all fall down dead. Sometimes they hide in their cupboards and sing. Hadingue and Larkin scrabble on the floor like schoolgirls or lovers, fighting for a hungrily sucked humbug.

Maybe this is insane but it is also funny. Jyll Bradley's text knits the pedantic with the surreal. The cast investigate closeted women's lives, frustrated and ambiguous sexuality, ageing, discipline and uncertainty.

Still, the action lost me. Larkin smearing herself with blood may have been associated with stifled sexuality, madness and murderousness or female fertility and mortality. The significance needs sorting out and the serious moments require sharpening.

Yet, co-directed by Grainne Byrne and Emma Bernard, the cast are delightfully inventive. Scarlet Theatre is a trove of talent.

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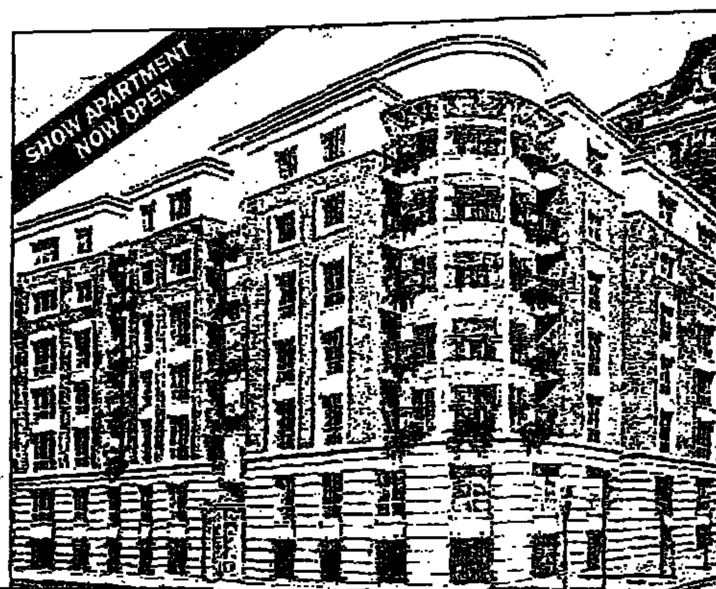

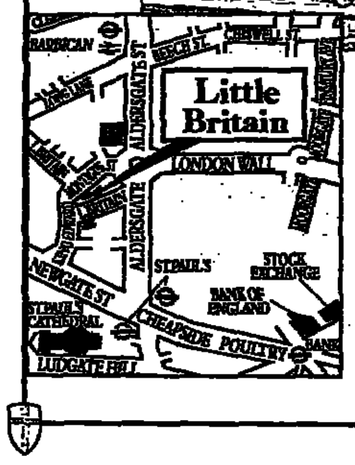

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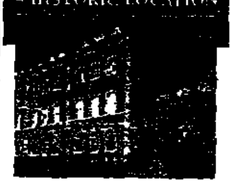

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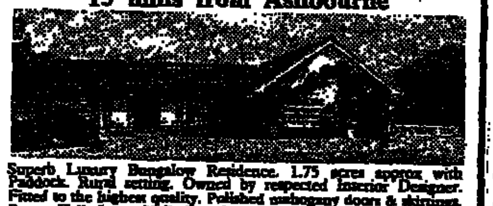

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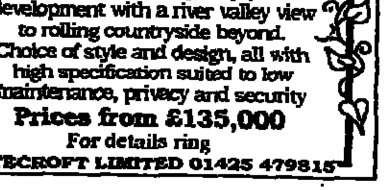

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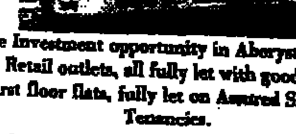

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Home is where the fortress is

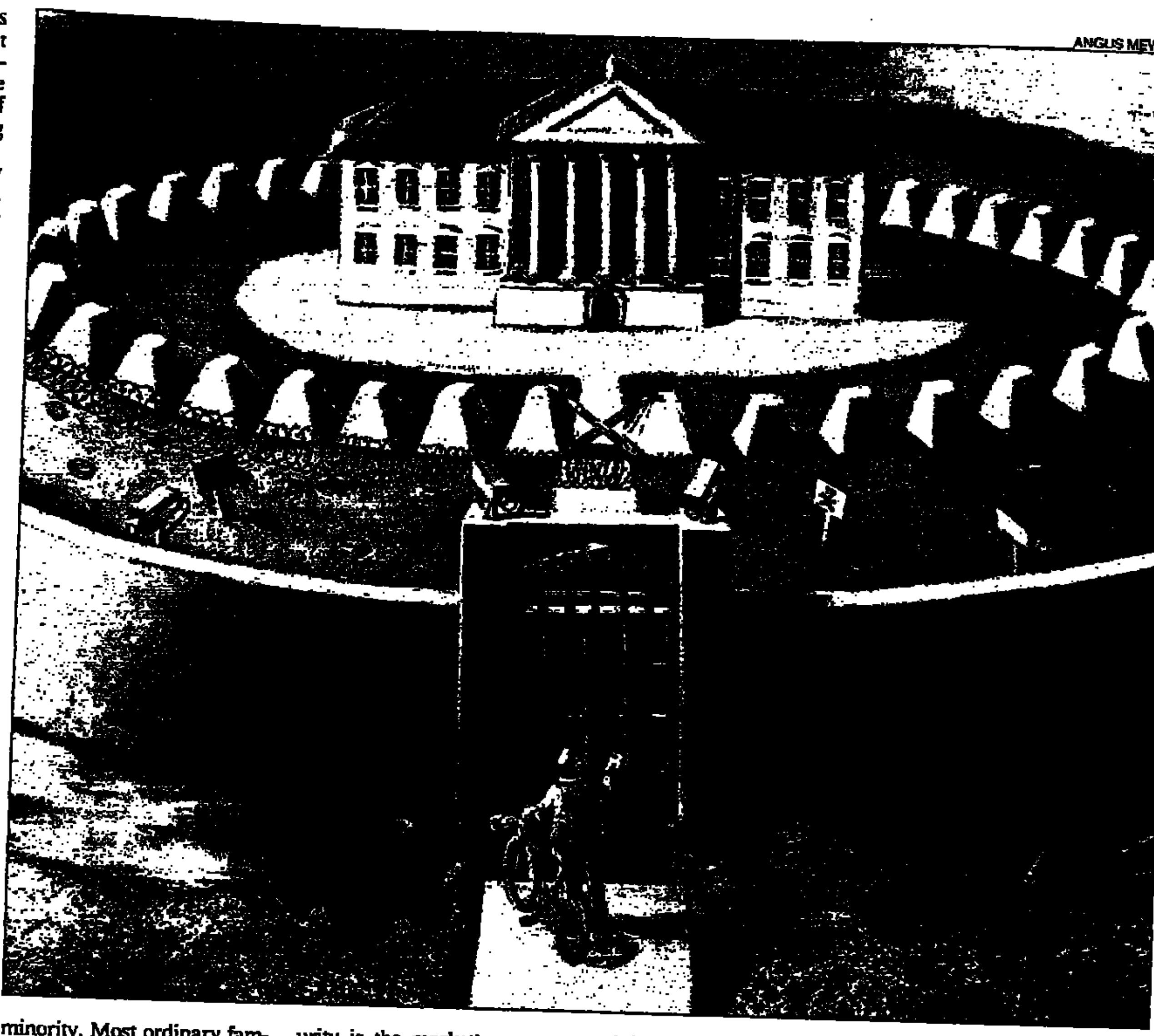
A senior policeman has spoken out at what he terms a "worrying" trend in the housing market: the growth of walled estates often employing private security guards.

Denis O'Connor is deputy chief constable of Kent and a member of the committee which wrote a recent report for the Independent Police Foundation and Policy Studies Institute on the role and the responsibility of the police.

He cites anecdotal evidence which suggests the growth of what he terms "private public space": upmarket executive housing estates where public access is limited. For all that estate agents extol the virtues of such schemes, there are wider, more worrying implications for society.

"I understand people's concerns, but there is a danger of a *Bladerunner*-type future," Mr O'Connor says. "Those who can afford it will feel a limited but tenuous security while they hear the police sirens going outside." The danger is that the type of people who are choosing to live apart in these developments are precisely those who are the most suited and the best resourced to play an active role in rejuvenating and contributing to a wider community.

"Such people are taken out of play. They are insulated from the world," he says. "There is a celebration of individual success at the expense of collective responsibility."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Criminals naturally then prey on easier targets outside such estates, although residents are vulnerable should they venture outside. These estates follow the pattern in Brazil and in America where such developments are commonplace.

Roger Humber, the director of the House-Builders' Federation, defends developers by saying that they are responding to consumer demand, especially in inner cities. "These schemes are a shame in some ways, but they are a minority. Most ordinary family suburban housing is not like this."

Even some of those involved with development are ambivalent. "If your house is inaccessible behind gates, you are locked away from your community, and there is very little neighbourly contact," says Lawrence Leigh, house manager for Elliot Mews, a new St John's Wood development of four houses selling for between £325,000 and £395,000, surrounded by electronic gates. "That's certainly not how I grew up. But for our customers, the key issue is security."

Estate agents agree. Security is the market's current obsession. Ian Stewart, director of country homes at Savills, says: "Ten years ago agents never mentioned security to a client. Now clients consider good security a big plus." This is especially true in the country where isolated houses are vulnerable.

Lassmans, a London estate agent, recently sold a Nash house in Hanover Terrace in Regent's Park, London, with bullet-proof glass in the windows and steel sheets in all the internal doors. If an intruder broke in, the owner could lock himself in any of the rooms and call for help.

The figures confirm the public's growing obsession with security. In 1995, 239,000 domestic alarms and security systems were installed, up from 201,000 in 1992. The security industry itself has been growing between 8 and 15 per cent a year since 1990, says Alex Volossevich, commercial manager for the National Approval Council of Security Systems. Between 1991 and 1995, he says, the total value of sales and rentals of alarms and systems increased from £1.06 billion to £1.9 billion.

Daniel O'Neill, the proprietor of Home Security Services in London, says: "Eight years ago, only people with a lot of valuables were getting alarms. Now, people are buying alarm systems for anything from a de-luxe country house to a council town block. It's a good idea. You probably get more break-ins in a three-bedroom semi than in a country house, because most burglars are opportunists, and will break into a home that looks less protected."

But security clearly need not mean walled estates. Developers can take advantage of the existing good practice guidelines issued by the police to help to cut out crime by avoiding road layouts which provide easy getaways for criminals and nooks and crannies in which they can hide.

Perhaps one of the best deterrents is the use of closed-circuit television cameras. "Their effectiveness in inhibiting street crime has been widely demonstrated, up and down the country," says Mr O'Connor.

Berkeley Homes' Barnes Waterside development, currently under construction on the south bank of the Thames, has a video-entry system to the flats and closed-circuit television surveillance in the homes. The houses and flats cost between £115,000 and £1.5 million.

CASE STUDY

TODDINGTON Park, in Toddington, Bedfordshire, is ringed by two sets of security fences with electronic gates. The 29.5-acre estate is fully floodlit and in case of emergency, residents can signal the estate office and the gatehouse lodge via a special communication system. Gates, floodlights and the doors to the dobermanns' cages can all be operated by remote control.

"We've never had an intruder, and we never have to worry," says the co-owner, Pauline Wilkinson, who is selling Toddington Park for £1.5 million through Savills.

Ms Wilkinson and her husband invested about £250,000 in revamping Toddington Park when they moved there in 1992, even though it had never been burgled.

"Inside the inner security fence, we can live a relaxed normal lifestyle," she says. "If we wake up in the middle of a warm night, and want to take a breath of fresh air, we just open a window without worrying about setting off the security alarms. At friends' houses in London it's just the opposite. They have bars, massive bolts and chains, alarms and locks on all the windows, and panic buttons."

● *Additional research by Joanna Norland.*

Get yourself reconverted

Rachel Kelly and **Michael Jones**

on turning flats back into houses

Developers are turning converted flats in period properties back into family houses. The 1980s saw a rash of conversions of family houses into flats as demand from first-time buyers swelled. Now the tide has turned.

Charles Ellingworth of the buyers' agents Property Vision says: "There are fewer buyers in today's market looking for a one-bedroom flat. Rather than buying a flat in their mid to late twenties, many wait until they are in their thirties. Then they will be more likely to have families and to look for a two or three-bedroomed house."

According to Nick Pearce of the London estate agents Beaney Pearce: "Demand for large family houses has always been strong, particularly over the past few years, while supply has been so short because families have not been moving."

The trend is confirmed by some London councils, including Westminster, Islington and Wandsworth, which report a fall in the number of planning requests for conversions.

Reconverting property makes financial sense. For example, a property in London can be reconverted into a large family house for £200,000. To refurbish four flats, each with their own kitchens, bathrooms and central heating would cost much more. Developers also have to find only one purchaser rather than four.

After the war, many houses were divided into flats because the owners could not afford to maintain their property. In the late 1950s, mortgages became available for the purchase of converted, self-contained flats, which opened up a new market.

Some of these conversions were very poor and scant thought was put into their design. This has resulted in most of the properties requiring much work and modernisation.

Winkworth in London confirms the reconversion trend. A large freehold house in St Anne's Terrace, St John's Wood was bought last year as two maisonettes with an estimated combined value of £500,000. Then the developer, Dreamgate, restored the property as a family house with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a study and a patio garden and placed it on the market for £650,000.

Other areas in London which have seen similar developments include Putney and Kensington.

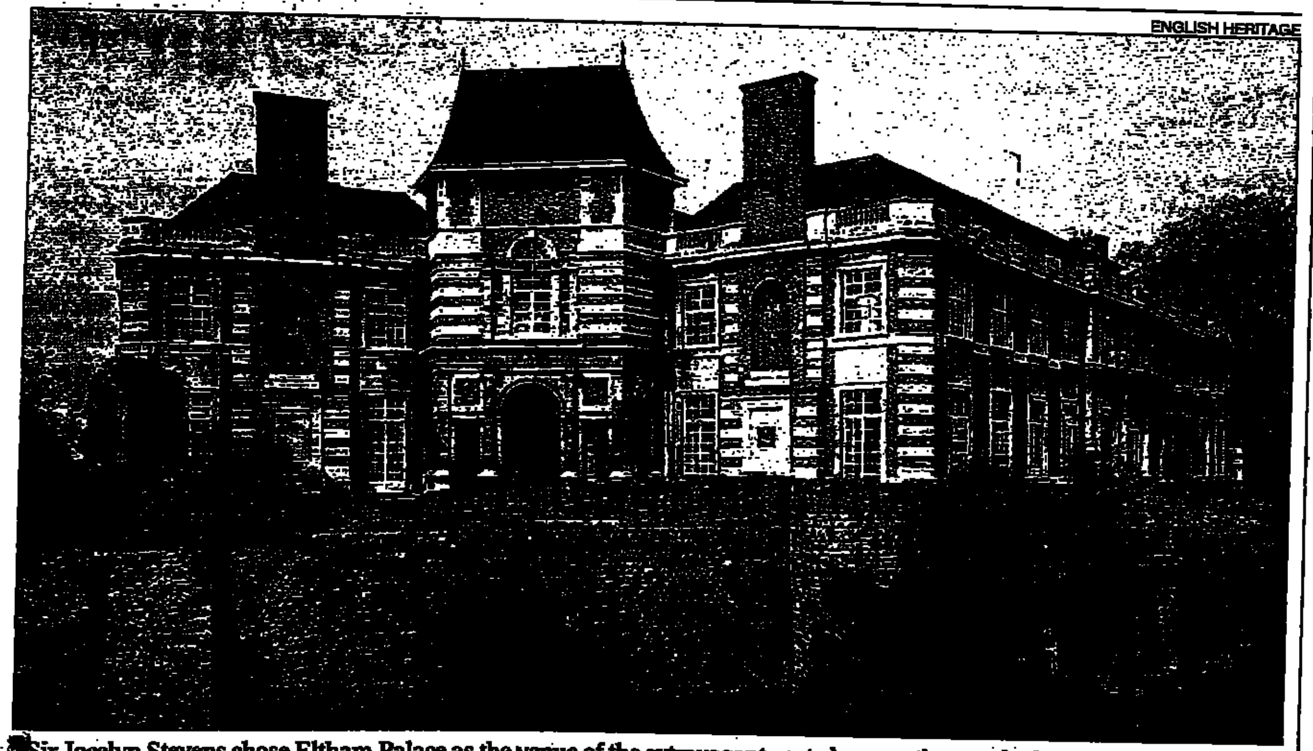
Robert Pemberton of Winkworth's Putney office says: "In order to achieve ownership of the entire house, the buyer generally acquires the freehold flat on the ground floor and then buys the leases above as they become available."

The property developer Northacre has begun work on restoring the flats in Earls Terrace, Kensington into houses. The development is due for completion by 1999.

John Hunter of Northacre says: "We shall be taking a few houses at a time and creating diverse and individual styles and layouts, from a contemporary look to a classical design. We aim to reinstate the whole row of houses to its original form."

The Georgian properties on Earls Terrace look tall and narrow from the outside but Northacre plans to reconvert them into large six-bedroom houses.

"Each house in the terrace benefits from a 100ft rear garden, giving the feeling of being in your own London country estate," says Mr Hunter.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Sir Jocelyn Stevens chose Eltham Palace as the venue of the extravagant party he recently gave for heiress Vivien Duffield

Hidden historic treat

Eltham Palace has a long and colourful past. **Leyla Linton** on its revival

Eltham Palace, hidden in one of the less elegant suburbs of south London, has become the backdrop for stylish parties for the first time since the Courtauld family left it more than 50 years ago.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens chose the palace as the venue of the extravagant party he recently gave in honour of the heiress Vivien Duffield. English Heritage, which he chairs, opened Eltham Palace to the public earlier this year.

Stephen and Virginia Courtauld of the wealthy textile family, who acquired Eltham Palace in the 1930s, would be pleased to see it once again the scene of entertaining. They used the Great Hall for parties after renovating it and building Courtauld House, an Art Deco mansion, on the side at a cost of £2 million.

The Courtaulds wanted the benefits of a country house within striking distance of London which was large enough to house weekend guests and their own extensive art collections. Their life at Eltham was leisurely. The Courtaulds built a swimming pool and squash court. Surrounded by 14 acres of beautiful grounds, which afforded views across to the centre of London, they could indulge their passion for gardening. They landscaped the grounds and dug a sunken rose garden. Even today it is possible to stand in the gardens and forget that Lewisham is just around the corner.

Eltham Palace, despite its location, was a royal retreat for more than 500 years. Its history dates back to 1086 when Odo, Bishop of Bayeux and half-brother of William the Conqueror, held the manor of Eltham. In the following centuries Edward II and Edward III lived there, as did Richard II. Henry IV was married by proxy to Joan of Navarre at Eltham in 1402.

But by 1649 Eltham Palace was described as "much out of repair and soe not tenantable". Shortly afterwards Parliament sold Eltham and it was partly demolished. In the 17th and 18th centuries the palace became a farm and the Great Hall, once of England's last remaining medieval royal halls, was used as a barn.

The Courtaulds acquired the lease from the Crown on condition they renovated both the hall and moat. Only a sliding screen separates the Great Hall from the Art Deco mansion, but the exterior style of the house blends with the 15th-century hall better than might be expected.

Inside, Courtauld House has an eclectic mix of design styles. A wide range of sumptuous materials was used to decorate the house including exotic hardwoods, chrome, onyx, leather and marble.

Several rooms reflect the "Cunard style" made popular by fashionable cruise liners of the age with fitted furniture and smooth veneered surfaces, often with curved ends. Some connecting walls had "portholes" and the guest bedrooms were laid out like cabins. Cleverly concealed lighting features in many rooms.

In sharp contrast, the drawing room has been described as more Californian in style. The room had painted beams and bas reliefs in the window by Gilbert Ledward. The entrance hall, or rotunda, is perhaps the first example of modern Swedish interior design in England. Designed by Rolf Engstroemer, it is top-lit by a glass dome and features marquetry panels depicting Stockholm and Venice. The rotunda opened straight onto the terrace, ideal for entertaining.

The most sumptuous room in the house is Virginia Courtauld's bathroom, which has an onyx bath and gold-plated fittings. The gold mosaic recess once housed a marble copy of Psyche, lover of Cupid.

The Courtaulds designed the house so that even Mah-Jong, the pet lemur, had its own living quarters — a heated cage upstairs on the first floor connected by a bamboo ladder to its own kitchen downstairs.

The house incorporated domestic innovations such as underfloor heating, synchronised electric clocks in every room, a single centralised vacuum cleaner located in the basement with sockets in every room, as well as a Tannoy system which would allow Stephen Courtauld to speak to everyone else in the house. It is believed that Virginia Courtauld blocked the Tannoy in her room as she became tired of her husband shouting at her.

Despite creating a house which perfectly reflected their lifestyle, the Courtaulds eventually tired of life in London's suburbs and after only six years decided to move to Southern Rhodesia, where they built a new home with many similarities to the design of their house in Eltham.

The lease of the house was given to the War Department and it was later used as an education centre, conference centre and officers' mess for the Army. It is to their credit that most of the house remains as it was in the time of the Courtaulds.

● *Eltham Palace, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9 is open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Thursday, Friday and Sunday (October to March) and 10am to 6pm (April to September). Admission to the Courtauld House and gardens: adults £4, concession £3, children £2. Admission to gardens only: adults £2, concessions £1.50, children £1. English Heritage Members free. Admission to the Courtauld House is by guided tour which can be booked on 0181-294 2548.*

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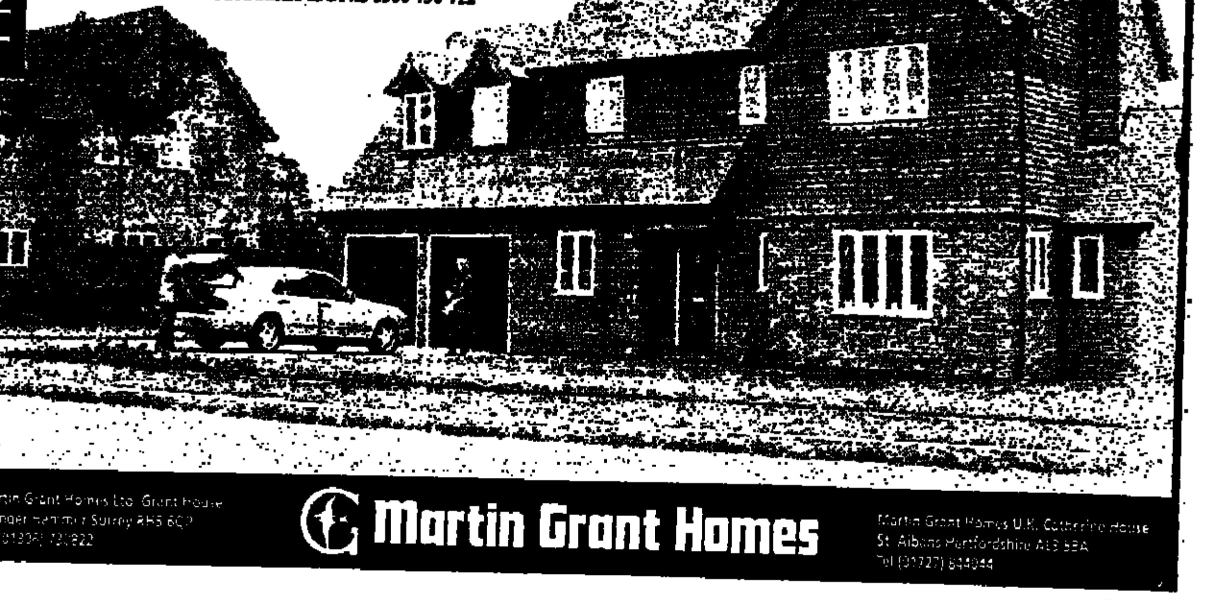

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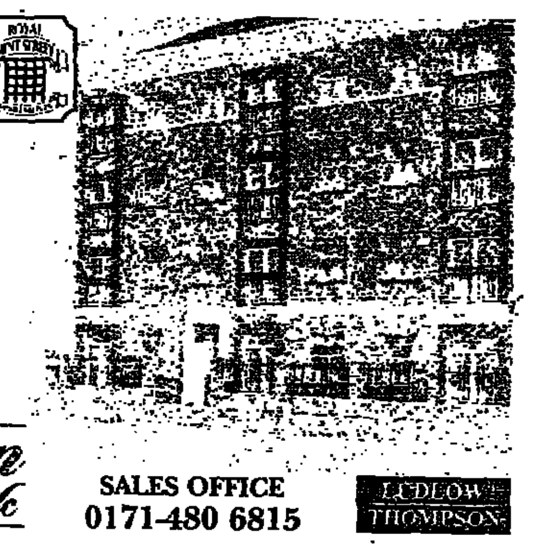

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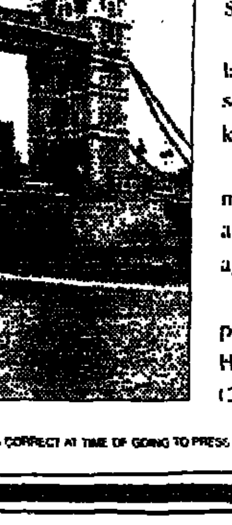

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Basketball superstar's comeback raises profile of Aids campaigns

Johnson revives old magic

Peter Simunovich on the remarkable return to action of an American sporting legend

Before Earvin "Magic" Johnson came out of his enforced retirement after 4½ years, Los Angeles Lakers were not considered serious contenders to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship. They were going nowhere, and their best hope seemed to be making the second round of the play-offs before taking an early summer vacation. However, the Lakers have won 20 games out of 27 since Johnson's return, and now have a genuine chance of representing the Western Conference in the NBA finals.

Johnson, 36, has made the other teams, including the rampaging Chicago Bulls, sit up and take notice by scoring 424 points at an average of 15.7 per game. He is still considered the most astute player in the NBA, is arguably the best on-court leader, and brings more players into the game than anyone else. In short, he is as important to the Lakers as Michael Jordan is to Chicago Bulls.

Yet, no matter how Johnson is admired for bringing new life to the Lakers, there is always the HIV factor. Johnson's warm and disarming smile cannot hide the private battle that he is fighting daily. After the back-slappers have left the stadium, the stretch limousines carrying Jack Nicholson, Charlie Sheen and Dyan Cannon have driven off, and the lights have dimmed, the stigma of HIV remains. While wearing his famous No 32 jersey, Johnson looks healthy and there are no restrictions as he directs the Lakers on court.

However, whenever Johnson performs his craft on the boards, the HIV factor flashes like a neon sign. It will not go away even though he can console himself by recapturing the form that led the Lakers to five NBA championships when he was at his peak.

Since he stunned the nation on November 7, 1991, by telling a press conference that he was HIV positive and would retire, Johnson's life has been a mixed bag. First, he had to tell his family that he had tested positive; then, he had to cope with retirement from a game that had been his life and find some sort of employment, even though he did not need the money. Johnson, who is married with two children, invested in businesses and joined a group of businessmen that failed to win an NBA franchise in Canada.

He also became a lot less visible endorsing products on national television, which underlined the reluctance of leading corporations to be associated with someone who is HIV positive.

He threw his support behind movements to help curb the spread of Aids and, at the invitation of former president George Bush, became a spokesman for a government committee formed to tackle the Aids issue. His involvement did not last long and Johnson left because he became disillusioned with the committee's efforts. Instead, he now raises millions of dollars for the Magic Johnson Foundation for Aids Research.

While Johnson became a tremendous advocate for Aids research and awareness of the virus, basketball never left his heart. He went through a period of self-denial and, in 1992, represented America's "Dream Team" at the Olympic Games. When he received his gold medal, his dream of playing the game at the highest level again appeared to have gone forever. He organised and played in exhibition teams around the world, but these never fulfilled his desire to play against the likes of Jordan and Charles Barkley.

Since Johnson's retirement, the world has slowly become more educated about HIV and Aids and this has allowed him to return to the Lakers and to show people who are infected with HIV that there can be life after the virus.

Johnson had to break down some barriers. Some other players, notably Karl Malone, of Utah Jazz, expressed concern about the risk of becoming infected while playing against him. However, the critics have been converted and, in recent weeks, have endorsed Johnson's comeback.

When Johnson first returned, opposing players and colleagues were wary about him on the court, but now the HIV question is not the prime concern. Opponents no longer hold back from physical confrontation. The list of admirers for what Johnson has done for HIV awareness is long and growing.

TIZIANA SORGE

Johnson has risen to the challenge of reviving his career and the fortunes of LA Lakers

Jose Zuniga, the director of public affairs for the Aids Action Council in Washington DC, described Johnson as an "inspiration to people living with Aids". He said: "Since he has stepped back onto the court, he has been a leader in the move to control the spread of Aids among youth."

Johnson provided active support for Tommy Morrison, the heavyweight boxer, after he tested positive only hours before a fight. Johnson called him within 48 hours of the news and talked to him about how his life would change, how he would cope with the virus and how he would live a normal life.

Ben Carlson, the programme director of Mobilisation Against Aids in San Francisco, says that Johnson has shown that a person with HIV can live a normal life.

"We're excited and grateful that he is playing basketball and is a hero to the younger people, who are in needs of Aids awareness," he said. Johnson is now preparing for the play-offs. His dream is to meet Jordan and the Bulls in the best-of-seven championship series. "I pray to God and I hope we get a shot at them," he said. "He [Jordan] wouldn't want to see us. You'll see a hell of a final."

Keegan stripping people's game of its false mystique

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

Alas, alack. Newcastle United have been all season the people's champions, the choice of neutrals everywhere, and they looked certainties all season to be the real champions as well ... and they are led by Kevin Keegan, the people's manager.

At the weekend, asked why he made a substitution, Keegan said that it was because the crowd wanted it ... "and it's their club. Not my club, not Sir John Hall's club. It's their club". Some peope talk pious tosh about supporters; Keegan makes them part of the decision-making process.

It is not passing the buck, for Keegan has made a number of stunningly unpopular moves when he has considered it necessary, the most obvious being the sale of the beloved Andy Cole. However, scarcely anyone else in sport — let alone in football — believes that the supporter can make any non-fiscal contribution to sport.

Ray Illingworth, the England cricket manager, takes the opposite view to Keegan. He has said, time and again, that a person who has not played Test cricket is disqualified from having a worthwhile opinion on the international game.

By the same token, you cannot express a useful opinion about a novel unless you have written one; and you cannot comment on a performance of the Goldberg Variations unless you are a virtuoso pianist. Is this elitism? Not at all. It is an aspect of the defensive process that is the vital reason for becoming a Clubable Man. In short, it is the way this country works.

Most football managers hide behind their membership of the Football Managers Club. Every word that they say to outsiders underlines their exclusion, their utter Outside-ness. Kenny Dalgish was always the master here.

"Alan had a good game, Kenny."

"Aye, but there's uluvun mun on the putch."

"Tim did well, Kenny."

"Thut's wuut he's pudd for."

You cannot really blame football managers for this studied obtuseness. It is a stressful job, and the weekly sessions of self-justification are enough to try anyone's nerves. Managers see, often correctly, a trap in every question — or, where none exists, they make one for themselves, which was always the Graham Taylor technique. Naturally, whenever possible, managers drop their heads below the parapet of professionalism.

For many, perhaps for most people, life consists in the building up of a series of barriers between themselves and the rest of the world. Illingworth endeavours to remain inviolate behind the self-erected wall of the Canny Old Pro. All sporting people like to build up a sense of mystery about the nature of their work; they have an urgent need to be misunderstood.

This is why Keegan is so astonishing. Earlier this season, asked to comment on the scorer of a winning goal, he said: "I was about to substitute him, actually — great management, eh?"

Keegan strips away the Emperor's new clothes, or perhaps I mean the manager's flash suit. The best-kept secret of football management is that there is no secret. Luck, the happy accident, the great players, the heart-lifting crowds — that is where results come from. Hearing Keegan talk, you feel that life really should be like this.

At the weekend, he trumpeted defiance in his match programme: "I will not compromise." Football is to be a joy; never a chore. "We are dealers in hopes and dreams," he said after the game on Saturday.

Keegan has always been the Aramis of football management — unquestionably one of the three musketeers, but always the one who kept insisting that he was not really a musketeer at all. He has given us a season of swaggering, swashbuckling football, filled with wild gambles, wild hopes, wild dreams; everything, even defeat, conducted with style, grace and the most perfect manners.

He is a throwback, perhaps to a time that never was, to a time when 4-3 was always the perfect scoreline, no matter which side of it you were on. "In the North of England, the game is often played in a very different spirit," wrote *The Field* in 1882, "and at times the anxiety to win leads to much unpleasantness."

In the far North East, we have seen a club that plays with passion and style; a team that plays as if owed it to the people — of the North East, of the world — to give them delight. It has been football for the love of it, and, by etymology, a person who plays for love is an amateur.

Is that why Newcastle now looked doomed to finish second? Alas, alack.

Britain plan championship surprise

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GREAT Britain open their programme in pool B of the world ice hockey championships in Eindhoven this morning better prepared than any of their predecessors. The domestic season that has just ended was compressed into seven months instead of eight and, for the first time, the squad has had the benefit of a six-day training camp.

It is a welcome contrast to last year when Britain, weakened because the event clashed with the Wembley play-offs, just avoided relegation to pool C. Promotion to pool A, with the likes of Russia and Canada, is now the target.

"Some of the teams who we played last year in Slovakia and who had big wins over us will be thinking facing Britain will be another easy game," Shannon Hope, the captain, said, "but we are a lot stronger this year, so the surprise will work in our favour. Last year, the championships clashed with Wembley so some players were flying home in between games to play for their clubs. It wasn't the best way to prepare and we nearly fell out of pool B because of it.

"Our preparations this year have been much better. We got together a couple of days after Wembley and have had a week in Holland training together and working on things. We know it is not going to be easy, but we are looking to get into pool A again. That's where we want to be — it has to be our ultimate goal."

Unfortunately, Nicky Chinn, one of the country's best players, suffered a shoulder injury during the Wembley championship weekend and has withdrawn. His place has gone to Merv Priest, of Basingstoke Bison, taking the number of Canadian-born players to 16 in a 23-man squad.

While Britain have certainly done well in their Olympic Games qualifying group and are unbeaten after five games, those fixtures were played over several months. The team now faces four games in the first five days and, in all, seven games in 11 days. This is a punishing schedule and puts a premium on fitness in what is essentially a young man's game. That 15 of the players are aged 27 or older (nine are in their thirties) makes you wonder if such a schedule will not prove too demanding.

The first game, against Latvia, which faces off at 11.30am today, could be the most difficult of all. Latvia were runners-up in this group last year, losing only 4-3 to Slovakia, the eventual winners. Britain then meet Switzerland tomorrow evening — the Swiss were relegated from pool A last year — and then, after a day's rest, the they play Poland and Holland, the countries whom they beat last year. Japan, Denmark and Belorussia, promoted from pool C last year and an unknown quantity, are Britain's other opponents.

GREAT BRITAIN'S FIXTURES: Today: Latvia. Tomorrow: Switzerland. Saturday: Poland. Sunday: Holland. April 18: Japan. April 19: Denmark. April 20: Belorussia.

Accused swimmer has briefest of reprieves

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JESSICA FOSCHI, a teenaged American swimmer who tested positive for steroids last summer, was given only a brief reprieve on Monday. No sooner had she been cleared of blame by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) than Fina, the sport's world governing body, announced yesterday that it would be launching its own investigation.

"We are investigating the whole case and will discuss it in executive committee in Atlanta next week," Gunnar Werner, the Fina secretary, said. "That meeting will decide whether there is a case against her or not, according to Fina rules."

Foschi, who failed to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer, tested positive at the United States national championships in Pasadena last August. While the rules say that a steroid finding automatically attracts a two-year suspension, a United States review panel said that her sample might have been tampered with and voted instead to place her on two years' probation, allowing her to swim while subject to strict drug monitoring.

Foschi maintained that she had never taken drugs and wanted her name cleared. Under a federal law that governs Olympic sports in the United States, she went to the AAA. While awaiting a ruling, she unsuccessfully competed in the Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month.

"The overwhelming evidence produced in this proceeding inescapably leads us to the conclusion that ... [Foschi] and all those connected with her are innocent and without fault," the AAA ruled.

Werner said, however, that, regardless of the arbitration association's findings, Fina had to conduct its own inquiry. "In spite of whatever other rulings there are, we have to go through this procedure," he said. "There's nothing irregular in it. We always request a report relating to a positive doping case."

Fina has the power to impose its own ban or whatever punishment it deems necessary if it believes that Foschi has broken its rules.

Bath asked to sparkle at hostile Kingsholm

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN ASHTON, the Bath rugby union coach, is demanding another sparkling "home" performance from his team tonight — even though they are playing at Gloucester, where they are guaranteed a hostile reception.

A win at Kingsholm would stretch Bath's lead at the head of the Courage Clubs Championship to four points over Leicester.

"I think at one time we did have a mental block over putting together our best game away from home," Ashton said, "but we did it at Sale — and certainly at Bristol the other week when we won 43-5.

"It's going to be a difficult game, for Gloucester are fighting for survival in the first division, but our players are determined to win the league and cup double. It's a tough week, but we have tough players."

Gloucester make six changes — five enforced by injuries — but Richard Hill, the director of coaching, said: "I think the lads coming in will do a good job."

Although Gloucester lost 19-10 to Bath in the Pilkington Cup semi-final at the Recreation Ground a fortnight ago, Dave Sims, their captain, believes that home advantage could help them to pull off a shock.

☐ France have named an experimental team, including four uncapped players, for the international against Romania in Aurillac on April 20. Herve Guiraud, a hooker, Hugues Miorin, at lock, Christophe Moni, a flanker, and David Venditti, on the wing, are the newcomers.

"It was a sad winter for France," Jean-Claude Skrela, the coach, said. "In spring, I want players who are eager to play and enjoy themselves."

Richard Dourthé, who was suspended after stamping on Ben Clarke in Paris, returns at full back in place of Jean-Luc Sadourny, who asked to be rested.

FRANCE (v Romania, April 20): R Dourthé; D Venditti, O Campan, S Glas, P Saint-André (captain); A Penaud, G Accoceberry; F Tournaire, H Guiraud, C Califano, C Moni, H Miorin, O Roumat, M Lievremont, A Benazzi. Replacements: E Ntamack, T Castaignède, P Carbonneau, T Labrousse, M de Rougemont, J-L Jordana

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The hand today hand illustrates a technique known as "playing on an assumption". Terence Reese, in his book, The Expert Game, was the first to explain the principle.

Dealer West **East-West game** **Rubber bridge**

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                ♠ A Q 3 2
                ♥ A K 10 6
                ♦ 7 4 2
                ♣ 4 3
♠ 10 8 7 5        N          ♠ K 9 6
♥ 2            W     E       ♥ 7 4
♦ A J             S          ♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A K 10 7 6 2               ♣ Q J 9 8
                ♠ J 4
                ♥ Q J 9 8 5 3
                ♦ K Q 6 5
                ♣ 5
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W	N	E	S
1 C	Double	3 C	4 H
All Pass			

Contract: Four Hearts by South **Lead: Ace of clubs**

West leads the ace and king of clubs against Four Hearts. The way that the declarer should think is: if the ace of diamonds is onside (ie, with East), there are no problems. So, assume the worst, that West has it. In that case, East is likely to have the king of spades for his Three Club bid at adverse vulnerability.

So, is there anything that the declarer can do? Yes, draw trumps and lead a low spade from dummy. If East has the king, he will either have to duck, in which case declarer can afford two diamond losers, or go in with his king, in which case there will be two spade tricks established for diamond discards. Suppose, on the other hand, that West has the king of spades. Then, assuredly, the ace of diamonds will be with East, who must have some outside high card for his Three Club bid at adverse vulnerability.

The team that won the Premier League (Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett, Ian Monachan, Tony Forrester and Andy Robson) has been selected to play in the Olympiad in Greece in October. Tony Priday is to be captain and David Burn coach.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BURSA
a. Financial officer of Trinity
b. A boil
c. The citadel of Carthage

GUELPH
a. The Gulf of Trondheim
b. A factionalist
c. The wife of a troll

PUCELLE
a. An electric circuit
b. A flea
c. Joan of Arc

CANEPHORUS
a. A basket case
b. An eater of dogs
c. The Nilotic bullrush

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Menchik memorial

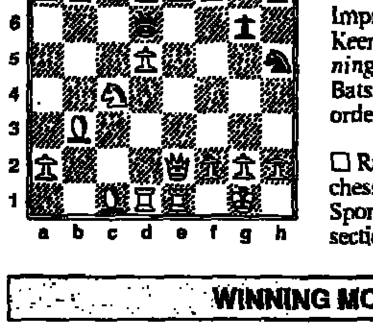
The Vera Menchik memorial tournament in Newcastle, in progress at present, sees two teams composed of male and female players pitted against each other. Ruth Sheldon, 15, who last week created a sensation by defeating John Nunn, the grandmaster, is performing well and is on the verge of achieving a woman's international master result. Here are two attractive games from the event.

White: Andrew Muir
Black: John Shaw
Menchik memorial
Newcastle, April 1996

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	e3	Nf6
4	Bxc4	e6
5	Nf3	c5
6	Qe2	cxd4
7	exd4	Be7
8	0-0	0-0
9	Nc3	Nbd7
10	Re1	Nb6
11	Bb3	Nbd5
12	Ne5	Qd6
13	Bg5	Nxc3
14	bxc3	Bd7
15	c4	Bd8
16	Qd3	Bc6
17	Rad1	Nh5
18	Bc1	Be7
19	d5	exd5
20	cxd5	Bd7
21	Qe2	g6
22	Nc4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White: Natasha Regan
Black: Andrew Martin
Menchik memorial
Newcastle, April 1996

Nimzowitsch Defence

1	e4	Nc6
2	d4	e5
3	d5	Nce7
4	f4	exf4
5	Bxf4	Ng6
6	Bg3	Nf6
7	Nc3	Bb4
8	Qd4	Bxc3+
9	Qxc3	Nxe4
10	Qe3	0-0
11	0-0-0	Re8
12	Qf3	d6
13	h4	h5
14	Bb5	Bg4
15	Qd3	Bxd1
16	Bxe8	Qxe8
17	Kxd1	Nxg3
18	Qxg3	Qb5
19	Ne2	Qxd5+
20	Kc1	Re8
21	Nc3	Qe5

White resigns

Times chess book

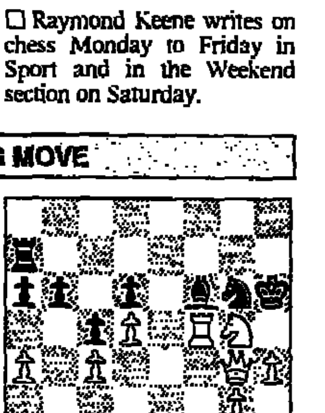
Improve your game with Ray Keene's book, *The Times Winning Chess*, published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders 01376 327901).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine — Koutny, Prague, 1936. Although White is a rook in arrears, his pieces are all dangerously close to the black king. How did Alekhine exploit this in fine style?



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Keegan is defiant as hopes fade for title

By Our Sports Staff

ADMITTING defeat was never part of Kevin Keegan's character. He was the never-say-die footballer, the battler for whom willpower was his most valuable weapon. He is no different now, as a manager, to the way he was as a player and yesterday he was defiantly refusing to concede that the race for the FA Carling Premiership crown is over.

Despite the crushing disappointment of his side's 2-1 defeat at Blackburn Rovers on Monday night, Keegan, although bitterly disappointed, made it clear that he would not allow his side to throw in the towel. Manchester United, clear at the top of the table, still have a fight on their hands, he promised.

"We must believe United will slip up somewhere," Keegan said. "If they lose at Southampton on Saturday and we beat Aston Villa on Sunday, it's back to the status quo. It's been a hell of a season and I know a lot of the country wanted us to win the title, but if it's not meant to be, then it's not meant to be and it's looked for the past few weeks that it isn't.

"Nevertheless, I still don't think the final chapter has been written yet. We won't feel sorry for ourselves and won't give up until it is mathematically impossible. That's what professionalism is all about."

Ironically, it was Graham Fenton, a true Newcastle supporter, Tyneside born and bred, who Keegan picked for his England Under-21 side in a game at St James' Park last season, who twisted the knife. Appearing as a second-half substitute, he scored the two goals in the last five minutes that turned a would-be Newcastle victory — courtesy of David Batty's first goal for the club — into an unwanted defeat. "My family were down to watch me — my mother, sister and her boyfriend," Fenton said. "The last thing they said to me before the game was that if I came on as substitute, I must not score, but that's my job."

Keegan, keenly aware of the irony, said: "If it hadn't been him, it would probably have been Alan Shearer [another Tyneside product]. You know players at this level are capable of scoring and Fenton had been touted as a great player two or three years ago. He's lost his way since, but has come on and scored against us. It's just meant to be that way."

The attitude at Old Trafford was a marked contrast to the gloom at St James' Park. After the 1-0 defeat of Coventry City, thanks to another matchwinner from Eri Cantona, Alex Ferguson, the manager, said: "We are doing what we have to do and that is winning games. That gives us a chance. Our spirit and determination is brilliant. Players make mistakes, but they get on with it.

"We created so many chances without really improving our goal difference and Coventry must have thought they had a lifeline. We created some good passing movements but, in the last 20 minutes, we appeared to drop dead. We have now won our two games at Easter and that always helps." Cantona has now scored 17 goals in 33 games.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, ordered his men to put their feet up after their slim championship hopes were maintained by goals from Stan Collymore and John Barnes against West Ham United. A makeshift Liverpool side — without five defenders through suspension and injury — came through their fourth game in nine days to close to within two points of second-placed Newcastle with a 2-0 success.

"It wasn't fantastic, but we could only do what we did, nothing more, and the lads who came in at the back, especially Michael Thomas, did really well," Evans said. "We won't throw the towel in. We got the three points we needed though and that takes us nearer a guaranteed European place, which is what we want before the FA Cup Final. We don't play until the derby at Everton next Tuesday, so I've given them a few days off — they deserve it."

The mayor of Cremona yesterday apologised to Paul Ince, the England midfield player, for racist abuse directed at him by the local team's supporters during the Italian League match between Cremonese and Internazionale on Saturday. Mayor Paolo Bodini said that he had sent a letter to Ince and to Massimo Moratti, the Milan club's chairman, expressing his "sincere apologies for the despicable rudeness and lack of sporting behaviour", and distancing the city from the incident.

MARK TERRILL

Hideo Nomo, above, the starting pitcher for Los Angeles Dodgers, throws against Atlanta Braves during the Dodgers' first home match in the National League baseball season on Monday. Nomo, the 1995 rookie of the year, pitched the first shutout of the season and the fourth of his career, helping Los Angeles to a nail-biting 1-0 win. Almost as important for a sellout crowd of 53,180, Nomo won his personal duel with Tom Glavine, the 1995 World Series most valuable player. The only hits he allowed were a single by Dave Justice in the second inning, a two-out double by Jeff Blauser in the eighth and a lead-off single by Fred McGriff in the ninth. Raul Mondesi drove in the only run with a third-inning single, one of just five hits off Glavine in his seven innings. "I tried to make the run count," Nomo said. "I wanted to finish this game."

Old Firm prepare to battle over Vialli

By Kevin McCarra

RANGERS may have beaten Celtic in the Tennants Scottish Cup semi-final on Sunday, but, even though that was the last Old Firm meeting of the season, the rivalry between the clubs continues to be frantic. They may soon find themselves competing for the signature of Gianluca Vialli, the Italian forward.

The Juventus player, 31, is out of contract at the end of the season and, in the wake of the Bosman ruling, no fee would be required were he to leave Turin. That fact, however, allows him to increase his personal demands and it is thought that Vialli would ask for £2 million per year from any club that tried to sign him.

Conjecture about such signings normally meets with a coy response, but Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, was unequivocal on the matter. "We will be actively involved in the chase for Vialli," he said. "I think now that anyone who comes and sees what Celtic have to offer would seriously consider joining us." While the comments from Rangers were far more restrained, they, too, are genuinely interested in acquiring Vialli and may already have pursued the matter.

Despite Vialli's age and record of injuries, as well as the likely outlay of £6 million on a three-year contract, there are other clubs said to be eager to buy him. These reportedly include Arsenal and Parma.

Yesterday, Celtic did conclude important, if less dramatic, negotiations by persuading three of their best young players — Simon Donnelly, Jackie McNamara and Phil O'Donnell — to extend their contracts until 2000.

The Old Firm contest for the Bell's Scottish League championship continues this evening. Rangers, five points clear at the top of the premier division, travel to Heart of Midlothian while Celtic are at home to Kilmarnock.

Crowds please Lindsay

By Christopher Irvine

SUPER League clubs have been celebrating bumper crowds for their Easter matches, following on from the record turnout for the launch of the new rugby league competition.

A total of 88,236 supporters watched the 11 Super League matches over the holiday weekend, an average of 8,021 per game. That compares with an average of 6,242 from 16 matches at the start of the Stones Centenary Championship last year.

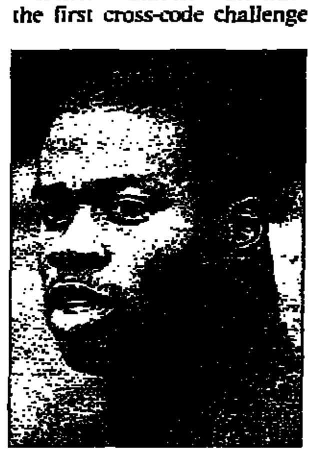
Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, yesterday welcomed not only the improved crowds but also what he believes are higher standards of performance.

He said: "Super League is continuing its healthy trend, even though the weather is yet to turn into the warmth of the summer. Another aspect of Super League which, in my opinion, is important is that the players are becoming better.

"The pace of the game has dramatically increased under the new rules and that will lead to the sort of fitness levels achieved by the Australians. I am sure that, when the international playing scene settles down, as it inevitably will, our national team will demonstrate those improved performance levels."

Martin Offiah, the Wigan and Great Britain wing, could be out for up to a month after cracking a bone in his lower back in the defeat at St Helens last Friday.

It means that he could miss the first cross-code challenge match against Bath, at Maine Road on May 8, and Wigan's participation in the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham three days later.



Offiah: out for month

Neil Harmon, the Leeds captain, has been cleared of serious injury after neck and back spasms suffered when tackling Apollo Perelini, the St Helens prop forward, in their match on Monday. "He had a precautionary X-ray and nothing was found to be wrong," a Leeds spokesman said.

Warrington have failed in a move to sign Martin Dermott, 28, the former Great Britain hooker, from Wigan. Alex Murphy, the Warrington football director, said: "We did make an inquiry for Martin, but he looks set to move to Australia."

Dermott, 28, has been at Central Park for 12 years, but has been unable to claim a regular first-team place since the arrival, three years ago, of Martin Hall, the Wales hooker. He has been offered a deal to join Barrie Jon Mather, his former international teammate, with the Western Reds in Perth.

IN BRIEF

Bulls record home run punctured by Hornets

CHICAGO Bulls' National Basketball Association (NBA) record of 44 home wins in succession came to an end on Monday when they were beaten 98-97 by Charlotte Hornets. The defeat ended the hopes of Michael Jordan and his teammates of becoming the first team in NBA history to go undefeated at home, and leaves the Bulls needing four wins in their last seven games to become the first team in league history to win 70 games in a season.

☐ Iain McKinney, of Sheffield Sharks, has broken the world record held by Earvin "Magic" Johnson for the longest basketball score, shooting cleanly from 90ft 6¾in in an exhibition at Ponds Forge in Sheffield to better Johnson's mark of 90ft 2¼in.

Hendry favourite

Snooker: Stephen Hendry, of Scotland, the defending champion, will start as favourite to win the world championship when the tournament opens in Sheffield in ten days' time. Hendry will be chasing his sixth world title. John Higgins, a fellow Scot, will begin as second favourite. Steve Davis and Jimmy White, are priced as relative long shots by bookmakers, at 20-1 and 25-1 respectively.

Doyle goes

Cycling: Tony Doyle, the president of the British Cycling Federation (BCF), yesterday resigned from the post — little more than two weeks after surviving an attempt by the federation's directors to remove him. Delegates had voted against proposals to cancel Doyle's appointment after allegations of conflict of interests. Doyle acts as a consultant for Sport for Television — the company dismissed by BCF as promoters of the world track championships later this year.

Britons slip up

Tennis: Tim Henman and Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, were beaten in the first round of the Indian Open tournament in Delhi yesterday. Henman, the No 6 seed, raced to a 6-1 victory in the first set of his meeting with Frederik Fetterlein, of Denmark, but then collapsed, losing the second and third sets 6-1 and 6-0. Petchey went out 6-4, 6-4 to Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, the No 1 seed.

Boardman out

Cycling: Chris Boardman, was forced to retire from the 200-kilometre Paris to Camembert race yesterday after a collision.

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Dutch plea fails to move Uefa

By Our Sports Staff

UEFA, the governing body of European football, has refused to allow Feyenoord supporters to attend the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Rapid Vienna in Austria on April 18. Uefa banned them because of disturbances in which 200 German and Dutch supporters were arrested and nine German policemen injured after their quarter-final match with Borussia Mönchengladbach on March 7. Feyenoord appealed against that decision, but Uefa rejected that plea yesterday.

The Dutch side, seeking to win the Cup Winners' Cup to complete a full set of European trophies, were held 1-1 at home by the Austrians in the first leg.

Real Madrid, the Spanish champions, will not select four of their leading players again this season. Ivan Zamorano, the Chile international who was their top scorer last season, and Luis Enrique, a leading figure in the World Cup finals in 1994, are, according to Real officials, not properly motivated because their contracts expire in June, while Manuel Sanchis, a defender, and Michel, the former Spain captain, are in poor form.

Their exclusion may herald a summer of significant changes at the Santiago Bernebéu stadium. Zamorano is being linked with Juventus as a possible replacement for Gianluca Vialli, the veteran Italian forward. Michel is also likely to leave, having fallen out publicly with the Real board, while Hugo De La Peña, the brilliant Barcelona teenager, is reported to be keen to move to Madrid.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 6 Chicago 9; Los Angeles 1 Atlanta 0; San Diego 9 Florida 2, Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 7 New York 6; Houston 6 San Francisco 2; St Louis 3 Montreal 4.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Postponed: Boston v Minnesota

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York 98 Seattle 108, Philadelphia 82 New Jersey 79, Washington 111 Miami 99, Minnesota 115 Toronto 101; Chicago 97 Charlotte 98; Indiana 97 Atlanta 95, Utah 91 San Antonio 92; Golden State 102 Dallas 104, LA Clippers 102 Portland 89

CRICKET

KINGSTOWN, St Vincent (first day of three) New Zealand XI 318-9 dec (S P Fleming 61, A C Parore 59, N J Astle 55), West Indies Board XI 43-1

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Scotland: Girvan three-day race: Fourth stage (64 5m) 1, S Bray (Wales) 2hr 37min 55sec, 2, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) at 7sec, 3, D Williams (Team Ambrosia) at 9 Final positions: 1, D Williams 9hr 08min 14sec; 2, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT) at 42sec 3, K Dewson (Optimum Performance RT) at 46 Points: R Ellingworth (Team Ambrosia) Mountains: M McKay (Team Ambrosia). Team. Optimum Performance RT Northumberland: Tour of the Border four-day race: Fourth stage (68 miles) 1 P Coggins (Brough Wheelers) 3hr 56min 12sec; 2, G Sturzaker (Middridge CRT) same time; 3, A Hornby (Brough Wheelers) at 52sec Final positions: 1, M Taylor (Lakeland and Lancashire Division) 11hr 52min 38sec, 2, M Pitchford (Brough Wheelers) same time, 3, P West (Middridge CRT) at 20sec. Mountains: P Coggins Team: Brough Wheelers
TIME-TRIALS: Alton CC (Privett, Hampshire, 50km): 1, G Pickford (Antelope RT) 1hr 15min 27sec; 2, B Edwards (Rother Valley CC) 1 16·12; 3, D Dent (Portsmouth North End CC) 1·17·00 Team: Rother Valley CC 3 51 31, Cleveland Coureurs (Middlesbrough, 25 7 miles): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 55min 15sec; 2, N Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) 56 41, 3, D Cook (Middridge CRT) 57 33 Team: GS Metro 3hr 00min 00sec Fylde RC (Nateby, Lancashire, 26 3 miles) 1, M Bowes (Cleveleys RC) 59min 13sec; 2, G Watts (Team Rapide) 61·38, 3, C Miller (Cleveleys RC) 63 17 Team: Cleveleys RC 3hr 12min 18sec Coventry RC (two-up, 25 miles). 1, R Evans and M Purshouse (Warwickshire RC) 53min 06sec; 2, S Campbell and R O'Connor (Coventry Olympic) 55·07; 3, W Hughes and G Parkin (Hinckley CRC) 56.20 Weaver Valley CC (Goostrey, Cheshire, 25 miles): 1, W Moore (Leo RC) 55.35, 2, P Whittall (VC Halton) 57 19, 3, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wheelers) 57 57. Team: Westmead Team '88 3hr 05min 29sec. East Anglian CC (Dereham, 25 miles): 1, R Boundy (CC Breckland) 57min 09sec 2, D Gill (Diss and District CC) 57 19· 3, T Barber (VC Norwich) 57·26 Team East Anglian CC 3hr 12min 34sec Hereford and District Wheelers (25 miles): 1, C Wallace (Hirwaun Wheelers) 57min 45sec, 2, S Harradine (Ross-on-Wye and District CC) 58·11; 3, A Rowley (GS Vitesse) 58:27 Team: Ross-on-Wye and District CC 3hr 58min 42sec Brighton Mitre CC (hilly, 26 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 57min 52sec; 2, P Watkins (Wembley RC) 61·05; 3, P Main (Wembley RC) 61 15 Team: Wembley RC 3hr 07min 54sec Mid Shropshire Wheelers (Prees, 16 7 miles) 1, K Murray (Army CU) 38min 14sec; 2, S York (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 38 41; 3, A Silvester (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 38 57. Team: Mid Shropshire Wheelers 1hr 57min 19sec

ETON FIVES

LUDGROVE SCHOOL, Wokingham: Kinnaird Cup: Final: E Wass and J Halstead bt R Mason and J Mole, 12-8, 12-9, 12-8

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers 2 Newcastle United 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 0 Halesowen 1
LEAGUE OF IRELAND. Dundalk 0 Sligo Rovers 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Vitesse Arnhem 2 NAC Breda 0; SC Heerenveen 2 Willem II Tilburg 2; PSV Eindhoven Ajax 1, Amsterdam 1
FRENCH LEAGUE: Lens 2 Monaco 1.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Corinthians 1 Botafogo 0; Ferroviario 1 Palmeiras 5; Juventus 0 XV de Jau 0; Mogi Mirim 0 Guarani 0; Novorizontino 1 America 1, Portuguesa 1 Aracatuba 1. São Paulo 3 Rio Branco 1. Uniao São Joao 2 Santos 8 Rio de Janeiro championship: Flamengo 2 Botafogo 0; Fluminense 0 Bangu 3, Itaperuna 0 Americano 0; Madureira 2 Vasco da Gama 3. Olaria 1 America 1 Volta Redonda 1 Banelra 1
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Velez 1 Estudiantes 2; Rosario Central 2 River 1, Gimnasia La Plata 1 Ferro 0, Colon 0 Platense 1; San Lorenzo 1 Gimnasia Jujuy 3, Belgrano 1 Deportivo Espanol 1, Banfield 0 Racing 1 Boca 2 Lanus 1
LIBERTADORES CUP: First round: Group two: Universitario (Peru) 1 Sporting Cristal (Peru) 2 (at Lima), Penarol (Uru) 1 Defensor Sporting (Uru) (at Montevideo)
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Jersey festival: Plymouth 3 Jersey A 0; Bishop Auckland 2 Reading 0; Gravesham 2 Hackney 1, Barking 1 Chiltern 0; Maidstone 2 Thurrock 2; South Oxford 1 Newbury 1, Gloucester 3 Orpington 1; West Cornwall 3 Jersey B 2; Bishop Auckland 2 Chiltern 1; Gravesham 1 Reading 2; Hackney 0 Plymouth 3; Jersey A 3 Barking 1, Gloucester 1 Thurrock 1, South Oxford 2 Maidstone 5, West Cornwall 1 Newbury 2, Jersey B 3 Orpington 4

HOCKEY

THE HAGUE: Men's European Cup Winners' Cup: Final: Durkheimer (Ger) 2 HDM (Holl) 2 (Durkheimer won 3-2 on penalties)
ROTTERDAM: Women's European Cup Winners' Cup: Division A: Play-off for third place: Rotterdam 5 Stade Francais 1 Final: Berliner 1 Hightown (Eng) 2

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): Men: 1, G Norman (Aus) 12 57pts, 2, C Montgomerie (GB) 10 20; 3, N Price (Zim) 9 81, 4, E Els (SA) 9 40, 5, C Pavin 8 70; 6, B Langer (Ger) 8 61 7, F Couples 8.41; equal 8, T Lehman, N Faldo (GB) and M Ozaki (Japan) 7 13, 11, S Elkington (Aus) 6.94, 12, V Singh (Fiji) 5 65; 13, P Mickelson 5 41; 14, J M Olazabal (Sp) 5.30, 15, M McCumber 5 17 Women: 1, L Davies (GB) 363 82pts; 2, A Sorenstam (Swe) 342.15; 3, L Neumann (Swe) 281 48; 4, K Robbins 244.29; 5, E Daniel 213 12; 6, M Mallon 199 46, 7, P Sheehan 185 46, 8, D Pepper 170 05, 9, M McGann 169.93; 10, J Geddes 154 83

MOTOR CYCLING

THRUXTON: Motor Cycle News British superbike championship: Third round (17 laps, 40 052 miles): 1, T Rymer (Old Spice Ducati) 22min 48 60sec (105 35mph) 2, J Whitham (Cadbury Boost Yamaha) 22:48.86, 3, N Mackenzie (Cadbury Boost Yamaha) 22·49 06. Fourth round: 1, Mackenzie 22 49 31 (105 29mph), 2, Whitham 22 49 64, 3, R Stringer (Sabre Kawasaki) 22.50.03 Championship positions: 1, Mackenzie 86pts, 2, I Simpson 52· 3, Rymer 50

MOTOR SPORT

DONINGTON PARK: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: First round (21 laps, 52.50 miles) 1, F Biela (Ger), Audi A4, 38min 33 13sec (81 70mph), 2, W Hoy (GB), Renault Laguna, at 1 19sec; 3, A Menu (Switz), Renault Laguna, at 2 14 Second round (18 laps, 45 miles) 1, Biela 39 51 158 (90 44mph), 2, Hoy at 1 941sec, 3, R Rydell (Swe), Volvo 850, at 3 679 Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Biela 31pts, 2, Hoy 24, 3 K Burt (GB), Volvo 850, 14 Manufacturers: 1, Audi 30, 2, Renault 24; 3 Volvo 20

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford 31 London 24, Wigan 42 Warrington 12 First division: Batley 6 Wakefield 28; Featherstone 52 Dewsbury 12 Second division: South Wales 22 Bramley 18, Swinton 54 Chorley 6

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 27 Maesteg 12; Cross Keys 48 Ynysybwl 21; Fylde 23 Preston Grasshoppers 23, Newport 22 London Welsh 20, Plymouth 36 Torquay 10; Pontypool 41 Pontypool Utd 15

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Cradley Heath and Stoke 53 Swindon 43; Wolverhampton 72 Middlesbrough 24 Swindon 51 Cradley Heath and Stoke 45; Reading 52 Long Eaton 44 Easter Trophy, second leg: Exeter 48 Poole 48 (Exeter win 97-94 on agg) Challenge match: Peterborough 49 London 47

TABLE TENNIS

KETTERING: English Open: Men: Singles: Final: Kong Linghui bt Wang Tao 12-21, 14-21, 21-14, 21-14, 21-14 Doubles: Final: W Schlager and K Jindrak (Austria) bt Wang Tao and Lu Lin (China) 21-17 22-20 Women: Singles: Final. Yang Ying (China) bt Chen Jing (Taiwan) 21-14, 11-21, 21-16, 21-18. Doubles: Final: Yang Ying and Wang Hui (China) bt Li Ju and Wu Na (China) 16-21, 22 20, 24-22

TENNIS

DELHI: Men's tournament: First round: J Golmard (Fr) bt J Kroslak (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-2 A Radulescu (Ger) bt L Roux (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-3, 7-5; S Stolle (Aus) bt S Kirtane (India) 6-2, 6-1, D Sapsford (GB) bt C Arriens (Ger) 7-6, 6-4; C Caratti (It) bt P Baur (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; N Kulti (Swe) bt J Bjorkman 6-3, 6-4; F Fetterlein (Den) bt T Henman (GB) 1-6, 6-1, 6-0; J Van Herck (Bel) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 7-6, 6-3, J Fleurian (Fr) bt O Ogorodov (Ukr) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, M Bhupathi (India) bt P Srinath (India) 6-3, 6-2; T Enqvist (Swe) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-4, 6-4; J Stark (US) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-1, 7-6
HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: W Arthurs (Aus) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, A Volkov (Russ) bt C Chang (US) 6-4, 7-5, J Siemerink (Holl) bt G Rusedski (GB) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; T Johansson (Swe) bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-4, 6-2
ESTORIL: Men's tournament: First round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Cunha e Silva (Por) 6-3, 6-3, F Clavet (Sp) bt B Ulrich (Cz) 6-3, 7-5, J Burillo (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-3, 5-7, 6-0; C Moya (Sp) bt S Schalken (Holl) 6-3, 6-4, F Dewulf (Bel) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-3, 6-2
AMELIA ISLAND, Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): L Richterova (Cz) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-2, 7-5; S Hack (Ger) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 6-4, 6-0; E Makarova (Russ) bt S Stafford 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; R Dragomir (Rom) bt T Whitlinger Jones, 6-2, 6-0; V Martinek (Ger) bt V Williams 5-3, ret, K Rinaldi-Stunkel bt P Schwarz (Austria) 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; C Cristea (Rom) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; C Papadaki (Gr) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-2, 6-4· A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-1, 6-3; A Miller bt F Zuluaga (Col) 6-1, 6-4; P Hy Boulais (Can) bt S Cacic 6-4, 6-1; A Temesvari (Hun) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-2, 6-3; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt S Farina (It) 2-6, 4-2 ret; L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) bt G Helgeson Nielsen 7-6, 6-1, P Suarez (Arg) bt Fang Li (China) 7-6, 6-2; T Jecmenica (Yug) bt M Paz (Arg) 7-6, 6-2; J Husarova (Slovakia) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-3, 6-1, B Schett (Austria) bt S Meier (Ger) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; S Pitkowski (Fr) bt D Krajcovicova (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-1.

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Blue Duster has classic polish

Richard Evans suggests a blend of proven performers and promising newcomers to follow this Flat season

AIR QUEST

Trainer: Roger Charlton

An unraced brother to Quest For Fame, the 1990 Derby winner, he is likely to make his debut at Newbury next week. Holds a Derby entry but it would be no surprise if he shines later in the season and, given his stamina-packed pedigree, could develop into a St Leger candidate.

ALHAARTH

Trainer: Dick Hern

Hern has trained 17 classic winners during his illustrious career while Willie Carson, his regular rider, has ridden just one fewer, and they have an outstanding chance of adding to their totals by winning the 2,000 Guineas with last season's top two-year-old colt. The unbeaten son of Unfuwain displayed class, speed and courage — particularly when winning the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood — and has reportedly wintered well. However, being out of an Irish River mare he is far from certain to get the Derby trip.

BLUE DUSTER

Trainer: David Loder

The star of last year's ten to follow list, winning all four starts, including the group one Cheveley Park Stakes, and ending the season as the top-rated two-year-old filly. Second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, probably due to doubts about her staying a mile. However, Loder has no fears on that score and his confidence is shared by Mick Kinane, who rates the daughter of Danzig the best filly he has ridden. She travels well in a race and has a blistering turn of foot.

BRIGAND

Trainer: David Loder

Loder's meteoric rise has been underpinned by a fine record with two-year-olds — a 44 per cent strike rate last year — and it will be a surprise if this Common Grounds colt does not register his share of victories. Owned by Sheikh Mohammed, he has already shown up well on the Newmarket gallops and is likely to make his debut at the Guineas meeting before possibly being aimed at Royal Ascot.

CAP JULUCA

Trainer: Roger Charlton

Unraced at two, he made up for lost time last year, winning five out of six races, including the Cambridgeshire, in which he carried a record weight to victory. There is more improvement to come and the four-year-old can make his mark in group company over 10 to 12 furlongs.

CELERIC

Trainer: David Morley

Christopher Spence, the owner-breeder, has enjoyed great success with the progeny of his mare, Hot Spice, and this Mtoto gelding could prove to be the best yet. Winner of four races last year, the four-year-old has wintered well and should oblige again in staying races when the ground is fast.

CHARNWOOD FOREST

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor

Now with Godolphin, the lightly raced Warning colt has bags of potential. Runner-up in group one company on the third of only four appearances, he has suffered more than his share of niggling setbacks but could develop into champion miler material.

JULIAN HERBERT

Alhaarth represents the classic-winning team of Hern and Carson in the 2,000 Guineas

DE QUEST

Trainer: André Fabre

No list of horses to follow would be complete without a Fabre representative. Europe's foremost handler has high hopes for this four-year-old son of Rainbow Quest, who improved rapidly at the end of last season, including a clear-cut win at Longchamp. He could develop into a leading contender for the best middle-distance prizes.

DUSHYANTOR

Trainer: Henry Cecil

With Alhaarth, an uncertain stayer, only 5-2 for Derby, there is outstanding ante-post value to be had about the Epsom classic and none makes more appeal — at 33-1 — than this son of Sadler's Wells. A half-brother to Commander In Chief, who won the 1993 Derby, he is bred for the part, highly regarded and has won his only start.

LADY CARLA

Trainer: Henry Cecil

After losing the subsequent Oaks winner, Moonshell, to Godolphin last year, Cecil will be keen to win the fillies' classic this term and he has a prime candidate with this daughter of Caerleon, who cost 220,000 guineas as a yearling. She impressed when making a winning debut at Leicester last October and could be particularly smart.

RIPON

THUNDERER

2.10 Bold African
2.40 High Flown
3.10 Palacegate Touch
3.40 Salmis
4.10 **EXPRESS GIFT** (nap)
4.40 Lost Lagoon
5.10 Strategic Ploy

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 The Scythian. 3.40 Santillana. 4.40 **LOST LAGOON** (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SPA WELTER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,453: 5f) (8 runners)

101 (5) BOLD AFRICAN (V) (D Maloney) P Evans 9-0 K Fallon –
102 (3) PRINCE OF PARKES (J Heler) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll –
103 (1) PROUD NATIVE (L Fust) A Jarvis 9-0 J Tate –
104 (8) THE BEE MAN (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 9-0 Dale Gibson –
105 (6) THE GAY FOX (G Whitaker) B McMahon 9-0 G Carter –
106 (2) DANEHILL PRINCESS (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-9 W Ryan –
107 (4) DOUBLE PARK (The 3rd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver –
108 (7) FOOLISH FLUTTER (J Searles) G Oldroyd 8-9 A Colgan (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 Double Park, 7-2 Prince Of Parkes, 4-1 Bold African, 5-1 Danehill Princess, 8-1 Proud Native, 10-1 The Bee Man, The Gay Fox, 16-1 Foolish Flutter

1995: PLAYMAKER 9-0 J Carroll (15-8 fav) J Berry 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD AFRICAN (foaled Feb 8, cost 3,800gns): half-brother to 5f juvenile winner White Emir; dam unraced. PRINCE OF PARKES (foaled Jan 30): brother to useful sprinter Lucky Parkes; dam 6f winner. PROUD NATIVE (foaled Apr 11, cost 6,000gns): half-brother to useful 1m3f-1m4f winner Kanfasta; dam unraced. THE GAY FOX (foaled Feb 21, cost 10,500gns): half-brother to modest 6f winner First Play; dam fair sprint handicapper. DANEHILL PRINCESS (foaled Apr 19, cost 11,000gns): second foal; dam four-time juvenile winner in USA. DOUBLE PARK: first foal, dam unraced.
No selection

2.40 MARKINGTON SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,742: 1m 4f 60yd) (18 runners)

201 (16) 320100/ WALWORTH LADY 599 (F) (V Spinks) M Dods 5-8-10 J Carroll –
202 (10) 60323-0 GOODBYE MILLIE 6 (V,D,F,G,S) (K Meynell) J Eyre 6-9-8 D Pears (3) 91
203 (6) 020410 ADALOALDO 11 (D,G) (R Flegg) J Parkes 4-9-8 R Cochrane 94
204 (5) 0/3-6561 BOLD PURSUIT 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Wragg) J Fitzgerald 7-8-8 K Fallon 98
205 (17) 4/0500- GYMCRAK HERO 46J (B) (Gymcrak Racing Club) G Holmes 4-8-8 J Weaver 91
206 (13) 0000/40- KIERCHEM 268 (C,G) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 5-9-7 K Darley 90
207 (18) 632350- HIGH FLOWN 124J (G) (Mrs R Hague) Ronald Thompson 4-9-3 P Fessey (5) 94
208 (11) 031-005 CAN SHE CAN CAN 11 (F,G) (A Robinson) C Smith 4-8-12 J Fanning 94
209 (1) 22000-3 BOLD TOP 11 (B) (Mrs G Spink) B Rothwell 4-8-12 M Fenton 98
210 (2) 060/ I'M A NUT MAN 709 (Julian Graves Ltd) C Smith 5-8-10 A Culhane –
211 (14) 030/612- WATCH ME GO 114 (F,G) (Watch Me Go Racing Club) Bob Jones 7-8-10 M Wigham 98
212 (9) 334360- REMONTANT 165 (Mrs H Evans, Mrs D Edwards) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 F Lynch (5) 96
213 (4) 322460- PORTITE SOPHIE 221 (Ms M Hanlon) M Britain 5-8-6 P Robinson 95
214 (15) 130050- DOTS DEE 186J (F) (J Kearney) J Bradley 7-8-0 M Henry (5) 87
215 (8) 1-38325 COMTEC'S LEGEND 11 (D,F,G) (Qualitair Holdings) J Bottomley 6-8-0 L Charnock ●
216 (12) 400340- LEXUS 26J (G) (Marriott Stables Ltd) R Williams 8-8-0 G Bardwell 97
217 (7) 404220- DON'T CRY 191 (E Incisa) E Incisa 8-7-10 Kim Tinkler 85
218 (3) 60554-0 SYLVAN CELEBRATION 7 (J Goldie) J Goldie 5-7-10 J Quinn 89

Long handicap: Don't Cry 7-5, Sylvan Celebration 6-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Bold Pursuit, 7-1 Goodbye Millie, Bold Top, 8-1 Watch Me Go, Adaloaldo, 10-1 Comtec's Legend, High Flown, Portite Sophie, Remontant, 12-1 others.

1995: MERRY MERMAID 5-8-5 K Fallon (7-2 fav) J Bottomley 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOODBYE MILLIE 5¾l 3rd to Shabanaz in claimer at Redcar (1m 3f, firm) with ADALOALDO (14lb better off) 20l 8th. ADALOALDO beat Eulogy ½l in 10-runner handicap at Southwell (1m 3f, AW) penultimate start. BOLD PURSUIT beat Never Time 2½l in 12-runner seller at Beverley (1m 4f, good) with BOLD TOP (7lb better off) 1¼l 3rd, CAN SHE CAN CAN (7lb better off) 3¾l 5th and ADALOALDO (3lb worse off) 15¾l 9th. WATCH ME GO 3¾l 2nd of 12 to Total Rach in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW). COMTEC'S LEGEND ½l 2nd of 12 to Backview in handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 7f, AW) penultimate start. DON'T CRY 2l 2nd of 6 to Puunch in maiden handicap at Carlisle (1m 6f, hard) with REMONANT (5lb better off) 3l 4th.
Selection: GOODBYE MILLIE

3.10 FOUNTAINS HANDICAP
(£5,716: 6f) (24 runners)

301 (20) 062540- LENNOX LEWIS 174 (C,D,F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-10-0 K Hopkins (7) 94
302 (8) 34212-0 AL REET 18 (D,G,S) (The Gemini Partnership 4) M Hammond 5-9-11 R Cochrane 91
303 (7) 1/85020- MUSICAL SEASON 242 (S) (P Savill) T Barron 4-9-11 K Darley 89
304 (18) 60600-4 CASTLEREA LAD 19 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 7-9-4 T Ives 91
305 (24) 00321-0 HIGHBORN 19 (D,F,G) (Yorkshire Racing Club OG 1990) P Felgate 7-9-4 W Ryan 94
306 (11) 0003-53 TILER 6 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-9-2 J Weaver 95
307 (9) 500006- FRENCH GRIT 162 (D,F) (C Wilson) M Dods 4-9-1 J Fortune 92
308 (5) 31155-0 PORTEND 19 (D,G,S) (D Bowring) S Bowring 4-9-1 C Teague (5) 92
309 (22) 055040- PALACEGATE TOUCH 162 (B,CD,G,S) (Laurel Ltd) J Berry 6-8-13 J Carroll 89
310 (2) 13140-0 BRECONGILL LAD 19 (B,D,F,G) (Three Horse Shoes) Miss S Hall 4-8-11 W Woods 91
311 (6) 24000-0 BENZOE 15 (D,F,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-9 K Fallon 98
312 (23) 101234- THE SCYTHIAN 265 (CD,F) (D Blake) Bob Jones 4-8-9 M Hills 94
313 (19) 01220- BLESSINGINDISGUISE 292 (G) (A Black) M W Easterby 3-8-8 M Birch 90
314 (1) 3362-51 TO THE ROOF 6 (G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-6 (6ex) G Hind ●
315 (21) 4-15111 SUPER BENZ 14 (D,F,G,S) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) J Eyre 10-8-6 R Lappin 98
316 (4) 0060-13 SO INTREPID 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) (F Hayward) J Bradley 6-8-5 S Drowne (3) 94
317 (16) 11350-0 ANONYM 19 (F) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Ltd) D Nicholls 4-8-5 N Connorton 88
318 (17) 600030- I'M YOUR LADY 148 (D,F) (M Stokes) B McMahon 5-8-2 G Carter 96
319 (13) 50000-0 NIZAAL 11 (D,G,S) (S Aitken) D Nicholls 5-7-13 J Fanning –
320 (14) 00-0403 NORDAN RAIDER 11 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Camacho) M Camacho 8-7-11 L Charnock 98
321 (15) 20000-0 RICH GLOW 15 (F) (M Bateson) N Bycroft 5-7-11 G Bardwell 97
322 (12) 0000-00 STEPHENSONS ROCKET 15 (F,G,S) (J Stephenson Ltd) D Nicholls 5-7-11 F Norton 89
323 (3) 000000- JUST DISSIDENT 174 (D,F) (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 4-7-10 Dale Gibson 93
324 (10) 63130-0 MAID O'CANNIE 14 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 5-7-10 J Quinn 88

Long handicap: Just Dissident 7-9, Maid O'Cannie 7-6

BETTING: 8-1 To The Roof, 10-1 Palacegate Touch, Tiler, 12-1 Castlerea Lad, Super Benz, Highborn, The Scythian, Nordan Raider, So Intrepid, 14-1 Al Reet, Benzoe, Nordan Raider, Blessingindisguise, 16-1 others.

1995: PALACEGATE TOUCH 5-9-10 J Carroll (9-1) J Berry 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSICAL SEASON ¾l 2nd of 10 to Jawlaat in handicap at York (6f, good to firm) with HIGHBORN (1lb better off) 1¼l 5th and MAID O'CANNIE (3lb better off) 1¾l 8th. CASTLEREA LAD about 6l 4th of 21 to Anzio in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to soft) with TILER and TO THE ROOF dead-heated for ¾l 5th, PORTEND (2lb better off) 5l 12th, BRECONGILL LAD (1lb better off) 1l 13th, ANONYM 6l 15th and HIGHBORN 3l 19th. HIGHBORN beat Seigneurial head in 11-runner rated stakes at Redcar (6f, firm) penultimate start with TILER (5lb better off) 1¾l 3rd, FRENCH GRIT (6lb better off) 4¾l 6th and PALACEGATE TOUCH (5lb better off) 3½l 9th. BLESSINGINDISGUISE 1½l 2nd of 6 to Eastern Prophets in conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to soft). SUPER BENZ beat Evan 'Elp Us 5l in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to soft). SO INTREPID 9l 3rd of 8 to Fort Knox in rated stakes at Lingfield (7f, AW).
Selection: SUPER BENZ (nap)

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. *The Times* Private Handicapper's rating

3.40 GALPHAY CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,003: 1m 1f) (4 runners)

401 (4) 103- COYOTE BLUFF 179 (S) (P Chapple-Hyam) P Chapple-Hyam 9-4 R Havlin (5) 80
402 (2) 52165-4 DOUBLE DIAMOND 35 (G) (2nd Middleham Ptnrs) M Johnston 9-2 J Weaver ●
403 (1) 31- SANTILLANA 160 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-2 G Hind 90
404 (3) 12- SALMIS 182 (S) (S Mcoll, Dexa'tex and Ptnrs) J Fanshawe 8-7 D Harrison 97

BETTING: 4-6 Santillana, 7-2 Salmis, 5-1 Double Diamond, 8-1 Coyote Bluff

1995: TORRENTIAL 9-2 L Dettori (4-7 fav) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

COYOTE BLUFF 4l 2nd neck 3rd of 12 to Ultra Barley in claimer at Lingfield (6f, AW). DOUBLE DIAMOND best effort 1¾l 2nd of 12 to Capilano Princess in nursery at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). SANTILLANA beat Classic Ballet 1¾l in maiden at Edinburgh (1m, soft). SALMIS ¾l 2nd to Inchrory in conditions race at Haydock (1m, good to soft).
Selection: SANTILLANA

4.10 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (£3,096: 1m 4f 60yd) (12 runners)

501 (8) 02233-0 OAKBURY 20 (Townville C C Racing Club) Miss L Siddall 4-9-10 J Weaver 90
502 (6) 2-61651 FORZAIR 9 (D,G) (Mrs J Hunt) J J O'Neill 4-9-9 S D Williams 95
503 (7) 000/036- EXPRESS GIFT 47J (F,S) (M Horner, H Young) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-8 A Culhane 97
504 (3) 0U13-14 ASHOVER 68 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (T Cox) T Barron 6-9-8 J Fortune ●
505 (11) 0524-02 OUTSTAYED WELCOME 20 (CD,F) (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 4-9-3 M Baird (5) 94
506 (5) 01/0546- BOWCLIFFE 37J (V,C,F) (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 5-9-1 J Carroll 93
507 (9) 103530- HASTA LA VISTA 156 (B,CD,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 6-8-13 Dale Gibson 88
508 (12) 130-501 PIP'S DREAM 6 (D,F,G) (P Aron) M Ryan 5-8-8 (5ex) W Carson 96
509 (4) 6-51244 NOBLE CANONIRE 11 (G) (R Wheatley) S Bowring 4-8-5 N Carlisle 96
510 (1) 00560-3 KEEP BATTLING 6 (F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 6-8-2 J Quinn 96
511 (2) 00/0000- SPECIALIZE 277 (Mrs D Smith) K Burke 4-8-1 J Tate –
512 (10) 0604/ LOSTRIS 586 (K Knox) M Dods 5-7-12 L Charnock –

BETTING: 4-1 Pip's Dream, 9-2 Express Gift, 7-1 Forzair, Ashover, 8-1 Outstayed Welcome, 10-1 others.

1995: EXECUTIVE DESIGN 3-9-7 K Darley (6-1) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FORZAIR beat Aniston 3l in 8-runner seller at Southwell (1m 4f, AW). ASHOVER beat Wonderful Day 6l in 13-runner handicap at Southwell (1m 3f, AW) penultimate start. OUTSTAYED WELCOME 1¼l 2nd of 21 to Haya Ya Kefaah in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). BOWCLIFFE 4l and short-head 4th of 16 to Persian Smoke in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to firm). PIP'S DREAM beat Cliburnel News 4l in 21-runner handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good). NOBLE CANONIRE 6l 4th of 18 to Eskimo Nel in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good). KEEP BATTLING 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Kileman in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good).
Selection: PIP'S DREAM

4.40 GRANTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,794: 1m) (16 runners)

601 (9) 45- ANGUS-G 181 (W Gibson) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 K Darley 80
602 (7) 23- BAKERS' GATE 327 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-13 J Carroll 96
603 (12) 0- BOSTON ROCK 278 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-13 G Hind –
604 (13) 0/0000/ CAPTAIN TANDY 161J (D Sims) C Smith 7-9-13 K Rutter –
605 (5) 05 CLYTHA HILL LAD 60 (Mrs M Morgan) J Bradley 5-9-13 T Williams –
606 (2) LE KHOUMF 29J (D Lewis) J Bradley 5-9-13 S Drowne (3) –
607 (4) 4- LOST LAGOON 245 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-13 Pat Eddery ●
608 (15) 6- NORDISK LEGEND 198 (Mrs E Jorgensen) Mrs D Thomson 4-9-13 D Pears (3) –
609 (10) 304-0 ROUSSI 15 (A Bloodstock) D Nicholls 4-9-13 S Mason 87
610 (8) SQUARED AWAY (Mrs E Lake) J Payne 4-9-13 R Cochrane –
611 (16) 436340- TILAAL 46J (M Dennis-C Shields) M Hammond 4-9-13 W Ryan 92
612 (11) LADY OF LEISURE (Mrs A Sanders) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 T Ives –
613 (6) 2 POLINESSO 20 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-12 M Hills 98
614 (3) RICCARTON (K MacPherson) P Calver 3-8-12 M Birch –
615 (14) 66- ANY COLOUR 180 (C Preiser) M Camacho 3-8-7 L Charnock 80
616 (1) 06- FAIRYWINGS 181 (L and A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 K Fallon 87

BETTING: 6-4 Lost Lagoon, 4-1 Bakers' Gate, Polinesso, 8-1 Lady Of Leisure, 12-1 Angus-G, 14-1 Boston Rock, 16-1 Le Khoumf, 20-1 others.

1995: LUCKY DI 3-8-12 J Weaver (13-8 fav) L Cumani 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAKER'S GATE neck and 1½l 3rd of 21 to Hoh Express in maiden at Newbury (1m, good). BOSTON ROCK 27l 8th of 13 to Alarming in maiden at Haydock (7f, good to firm). LOST LAGOON 2¾l 4th of 18 to Polydamus in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). ROUSSI 13¼l 4th of 13 to Bint Zamayem in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start. TILAAL 5¾l 4th of 7 to Celestial Choir in handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) penultimate start. POLINESSO 2l 2nd to Insiyabi in maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to soft).
Selection: POLINESSO

5.10 SAWLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,137: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1 (13) 406- ENERGY MAN 189 (A Henderson) M Dods 9-7 J Carroll 97
2 (9) 332156- NOSE NO BOUNDS 152 (G) (Ridings Racing) M Johnston 9-7 J Weaver 96
3 (4) 0400- MUHTADI 173 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 95
4 (10) 500-0 STRATEGIC PLOY 20 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 K Fallon 87
5 (14) 60048- PHANTOM HAZE 162 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 8-12 K Darley 94
6 (2) 006- MARSAYAS 156 (M Gleeson) M Camacho 8-6 D McKeown 86
7 (1) 000- FORGIE 174 (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 8-4 M Birch 81
8 (8) 050- IVOR'S DEED 126 (M Ayers) C Wall 8-3 G Duffield 98
9 (7) 63000-4 SPHINX LEVELV 18 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-3 J Tate ●
10 (11) 50000- ONE LIFE TO LIVE 138 (R Fenwick-Gibson) A Harrison 8-1 J Fanning 98
11 (6) 0-53 ORDAINED 57 (Edges Farm Racing Stables) E Alston 7-11 J Quinn 97
12 (15) 0500- ETTERBY PARK 197 (Crowther Homes Ltd) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10 N Kennedy 97
13 (5) 0000-0 SHEEMORE 42 (The Oakes Ptnrs) J Bethell 7-10 T Williams 90
14 (12) 600- CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 163 (M Singer, A Stuart) M Camacho 7-10 L Charnock 87
15 (3) 05000- SASSETTA 190 (Mrs C Cawley) N Tinkler 7-10 Kim Tinkler 97

Long handicap: Sassetta 7-0.

BETTING: 11-4 Muhtadi, 9-2 Strategic Ploy, 8-1 Nose No Bounds, 8-1 Sphinx Levelv, Energy Man, Ordained, 10-1 Phantom Haze, Etterby Park, 12-1 others.

1995: SILENTLY 9-7 L Dettori (7-1) I Balding 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ENERGY MAN best effort 3¾l 4th of 13 to Al Abraq in maiden auction at Sandown (7f, good to firm). NOSE NO BOUNDS 6l 5th of 11 to West-A-Minute in nursery at York (1m, good to firm) penultimate start. MUHTADI best effort 5¾l 4th of 8 to Moody's Cat in maiden at Ascot (1m, good). PHANTOM HAZE 4½l 6th of 16 to Daunting Destiny in nursery at Redcar (1m, firm). SPHINX LEVELV 7¼l 4th of 7 to Lady Dignity in handicap at Lingfield (1m, AW). ORDAINED 5¾l 3rd of 5 to Multi Franchise in claimer at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW)
Selection: NOSE NO BOUNDS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	16	34	47.1	Pat Eddery	5	8	62.5
P Chapple-Hyam	4	9	44.4	R Cochrane	14	58	24.1
A Jarvis	3	10	30.0	W Ryan	17	71	23.9
J Gosden	11	43	25.6	J Weaver	16	73	21.9
J Dunlop	7	32	21.9	M Hills	4	19	21.1
S Bowring	3	14	21.4	K Darley	30	148	20.3

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wetherby

Going: good

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Potter's Bay (R Johnson, 2-1 fav); 2, Dawn Mission (4-1); 3, Desert Fighter (5-2). 13 ran. 13l, 8l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £2.60, £1.60. DF £8.00. Trio: £6.20. CSF: £10.64.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Issyin (R Garritty, 6-1); 2, Popeshall (25-1); 3, Newlands-General (Evens fav). 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l. M W Easterby. Tote: £5.90; £1.50, £4.60, £1.30. DF £54.70. CSF £102.54. Tricast £244.06.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Erzadjan (P Niven, 8-15 fav); 2, Carnetto (11-2); 3, White Willow (8-1). 5 ran. NR: Carabell Dancer. 8l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.50; £2.40, £1.50. DF £4.00. CSF: £3.99.

3.50 (3m 5f ch) 1, Howcleuch (B Storey, 9-2); 2, The Bud Club (11-2); 3, Celtic Town (9-2). Beaurepaire 2-1 fav (pu). 7 ran. NR: Cool Weather. 8l, 13l. J Oliver. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £2.90. DF: £14.60. CSF: £26.76. Tricast: £106.09.

4.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, The Major General (Capt A Ogden, 5-2); 2, Copper Thistle (11-10 fav); 3, Jaslu (12-1). 10 ran. Dist, 1l. G Richards. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £3.00. Trio: £7.10. CSF: £5.60.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Shining Edge (R Garritty, 4-1); 2, Centaur Express (9-4 fav); 3, Fair And Fancy (8-1). 6 ran. 4l, 7l. T Easterby. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £12.70.

5.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Purevalue (B Harding, 5-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Rafiisa (7-2); 3, Tweedswood (14-1). 12 ran. NR: Element Of Risk. 6l, 11l. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £2.90. Trio: £30.10. CSF: £6.55.

Placepot: £17.60. Quadpot: £14.90.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Ray River (J Ryan, 20-1); 2, Edward Seymour (10-1); 3, Antarcticern (15-2); 4, Bushehr (7-1). Far Out 9-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Bright Sapphire, Deboc. Sh hd, 2½l. K Wingrove. Tote: £51.40; £11.80, £3.70, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £234.70. Trio: £223.50. CSF: £194.40. Tricast: £1,518.54.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BEST OF FRIENDS
(3.50 Exeter)
Next best: To The Roof
(3.10 Ripon)

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Goldwyn (A P McCoy, 9-1); 2, Exclusion (25-1); 3, Wayfarers Way (5-1 jt-fav). Coast Along 5-1 jt-fav (bd). 15 ran. NR: Eriny. Sh hd, 7l. D Nicholson. Tote: £8.40; £2.60, £13.00, £1.90. DF: £472.00. Trio: £564.40. CSF: £206.25. Tricast: £1,171.88.

3.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Merlin's Lad (M A Fitzgerald, 5-6 fav); 2, Just One Canaletto (9-4); 3, Eriemo (8-1). 4 ran. 13l, 13l. J Edwards. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.91.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Holy Wanderer (G Hogan, 7-2; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Bures (15-2); 3, Dreams End (9-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Nadjati. 1¼l, 15l. T George. Tote: £4.60; £2.80, £3.40. DF: £15.80. CSF: £25.72. Tricast: £61.14.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Larry's Lord (A P McCoy, 7-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Eltast (7-2); 3, Dark Oak (11-2). 5 ran. 9l, 11l. P Nicholls. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £7.86.

4.40 (2m hdle) 1, Country Star (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Rolfe (2-1 fav); 3, The Angel Leek (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Shalik. 10l, 7l. C Brooks. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £3.70. Trio: £26.00. CSF: £8.64.

5.10 (2m hdle) 1, Nescaf (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Grooms Gold (15-2); 3, El Freddie (8-1). Past Master 6-4 fav. 16 ran. 1¾l, 7l. C Mann. Tote: £6.30; £2.00, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £18.30. Trio: £42.50. CSF: £31.00.

Jackpot: £24,408.40 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £27,502.53 carried forward to Ripon today).

Placepot: £115.80. Quadpot: £15.30.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (1m 6f) 1, Greek Night Out (D Sweeney, 5-2 fav); 2, Swordking (7-2); 3, Tempering (5-1). 8 ran. 10l, ¾l. J Eyre. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £10.37. Tricast: £29.74.

2.30 (2m) 1, Jaraab (S Whitworth, 5-4 fav); 2, Heathyards Rock (7-2); 3, Eulogy (3-1). 7 ran. 20l, 6l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.20.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, Carol Again (J Quinn, 9-2); 2, Zidac (8-1); 3, Milltown Classic (25-1). Parklife 7-2 fav. 12 ran. 9l, 1l. N Bycroft. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £3.00, £13.00. DF: £23.40. Trio: £210.90. CSF: £38.46. Tricast: £754.11.

3.30 (7f) 1, Hawksley Hill (K Fallon, 3-1); 2, Down The Yard (12-1); 3, Elfpetite (6-1). Domoor 2-1 fav. 12 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £2.80, £1.50. DF: £36.40. Trio: £280.60. CSF: £43.41. Tricast: £211.82.

4.00 (6f) 1, Nagowl Raider (J O'Reilly, 4-1); 2, The Frisky Farmer (13-2); 3, Born A Lady (8-1). Amoobe 5-2 fav. 15 ran. Nk, 4l. J A Harris. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £37.80. Trio: £44.80. CSF: £32.53.

4.30 (6f) 1, Foist (J Quinn, 11-8 fav); 2, Perfect Brave (20-1); 3, Awesome Venture (10-1). 15 ran. 1¼l, 8l. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £3.20, £5.10. DF: £42.20. Trio: £111.50. CSF: £35.25. Tricast: £244.17.

Placepot: £56.20. Quadpot: £35.50.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.00 Stately Home. 2.30 Flippance. 3.00 Soul Trader. 3.30 Allez Wijins. 4.00 Society Guest. 4.30 Zambezi Spirit. 5.00 Paper Tigress. 5.30 Riches To Rags.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (HURDLES) SIS

2.00 ROUNDHEAD SELLING HURDLE
(£2,395: 2m) (23 runners)

1 351- BEAUFAN 712 (CD,F,G,S) B Cambidge 8-12-0 Gary Lyons
2 2332 KALZARI 7 (D,G) A Carroll 11-11-7 D Walsh (5)
3 23P3 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 11 (F) J Spearing 9-11-7 S Ryan (7)
4 000P OWENS DELIGHT 18 (F) P Wegmann 6-11-7 T Eley
5 1P22 STATELY HOME 11 (BF,F) P Bowen 5-11-7 J R Kavanagh
6 0 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 14 H Manners 5-11-2 A Dowling (7)
7 33-0 SOLTROSE 18 J O'Shea 6-11-2 Michael Brennan (7)
8 1/0- CROOKED COUNSEL 371 (F,G) G Fierro 10-11-0 A S Smith
9 -063 HIGH POST 21 G Horn? 7-11-0 S Burrough
10 -300 MALLASTANG 205 (B) R Simpson 8-11-0 K Dempsey (7)
11 PPP0 MONSIEUR BROOKS 8 R Strange 6-11-0 R Strange
12 6/PP OUR ARNOLD 19 I Brown 9-11-0 Mr A Brown
13 6UP PETER POINTER 41 N Twiston-Davies 8-11-0 L Harvey
14 4233 CUT RANKING 13 (BF,S) M Pipe 4-10-10 J Lower
15 -0P0 ENNISTYMON 9 (V) J Mullins 5-10-9 S Curran
16 U PATSCILLA 25 R Dickin 5-10-9 D Meredith
17 P00P SHE KNEW THE RULES 14 F Jordan 6-10-9 Mr G Shenkin (7)
18 24-1 SIAN WYN 20F (CD,F) K Burke 6-10-9 A Lamach (3)
19 -PP0 SISTER ELLY 41 T Wall 6-10-9 R Massey (5)
20 0 FRANS LAD 12 W Clay 4-10-9 Guy Lewis (3)
21 00 KINDRED GREETING 25 D Moore 4-10-8 R Guest
22 6060 KING OF BABYLON 6F Lady Herries 4-10-8 E Murphy
23 0 BRASS TACKS 83 (B) R Phillips 4-10-2 J Railton

5-1 Sian Wyn, 11-2 Lawnswood Junior, 6-1 Cut Ranking, 7-1 Kalzari, 8-1 Stately Home, King Of Babylon, 12-1 High Post, 16-1 others.

2.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,440: 2m) (21)

1 415P EL RUBIO 30 (B,D,BF,S) J Spearing 5-11-8 L Wyer
2 61C4 GREEN CRUSADER 14 (V,S) Mrs J Ward 5-11-8 J R Kavanagh
3 410 TRADE WIND 144 (B,F) J O'Shea 5-11-8 Michael Brennan (7)
4 COTTESMORE Miss A Embiricos 5-11-2 J Ryan
5 050 DRAKESTONE 83 A Brown 5-11-2 Mr A Wintle (7)
6 -PCP ERNEST ARAGORN 16 Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-2 S Curran
7 5-54 FLIPPANCE 37 (BF) A Gaselee 6-11-2 C Llewellyn
8 -2P0 JOSHUA'S VISION 7 R Lee 5-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
9 00-0 MAGIC WIZARD 2 S Earle 5-11-2 B McGann (7)
10 P030 RELATIVE CHANCE 15 J King 7-11-2 G Upton
11 -50F SUTTON STREAM 78 G Yardley 6-11-2 D Walsh (5)
12 P4-0 SPANISH BLAZE 12 Mrs M Jones 8-11-2 D Byrne
13 624 THE CAPTAIN'S WISH 35 D Nicholson 5-11-2 W Marston
14 330 YOUEETTEEELEVEIT 89 C Brooks 7-11-2 G Bradley
15 000 MAGGIE MARNE 25 R Dicant 6-10-11 Philip Hughes (7)
16 4FP2 MERRYHILL MADAM 142 P Bradley 7-10-11 A Thornton
17 0 MISS MYLETTE 16 A Carroll 5-10-11 R Davis
18 C PRINTON POPPY 700 W Clay 6-10-11 Guy Lewis (3)
19 53 HAPPY BRAVE 202 P Cundell 4-10-10 L Harvey
20 00 ROSS SPORTING 37 F Jordan 4-10-10 J Lodder
21 0 TIME LEADER 18 R Dickin 4-10-10 D Meredith

4-1 Flippance, 9-2 The Captain's Wish, 5-1 Green Crusader, 6-1 El Rubio, 5-1 Youeetteeleveit, Relative Chance, 10-1 others.

3.00 YELLOW PAGES NOVICES CHASE
(£4,499: 2m 7f) (12)

1 6/UP BADSBURY PRINCE 111 A Chamberlain 10-11-3 Mr J Jukes
2 PFFF CAVALERO 14 (S) H Manners 7-11-2 Mr A Charles-Jones
3 -32P CHALLENGER ROW 26 (BF,S) Mrs L Jewell 6-11-3 T Jenks
4 FABULOUS FRANCY 704P (S) Miss A Embiricos 8-11-3 J Ryan
5 5F-5 FAMBRIDGE 77 Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 W Marston
6 PF35 FLIMSY TRUTH 14 (S) M Weston 10-11-3 Mr M Harris
7 0-P0 NEFARIOUS 36 (G,S) M Campion 10-11-3 J Railton
8 0006 SOUND FORECAST 7 (S) Mrs S Johnson 8-11-3 D Walsh
9 .P23 SUPER GOSSIP 19 (F) P Hedger 7-11-3 M A Fitzgerald
10 31-P SUVLA BAY 34 (G) D Brennan 8-11-3 M Brennan
11 5F00 JARRWAH 22 (G) J Spearing 8-10-12 J Lodder
12 203P SOUL TRADER 2 (V,G) N Babbage 7-10-12 B Fenton

9-2 Super Gossip, 6-1 Jarrwah, Suvla Bay, 7-1 Fambridge, 8-1 Challenger Row, Flimsy Truth, Nefarious, 10-1 others.

3.30 JOHN BURNS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,346: 3m) (15)

1 022F BELL STAFFBOY 15 (BF,F,G) C Broad 7-11-13 W Marston
2 -010 ALLEZ WIJINS 28 (G,S) N Henderson 7-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
3 2012 KEEP IT ZIPPED 39 (F,S) O Sherwood 6-10-13 J A McCarthy
4 1064 ROSINA MAE 7 (D,F,G) P Winkworth 7-10-9 P Hide
5 260P SENSITIVE KING 118 (F,G) J Jenkins 8-10-7 S Fox (3)
6 F014 ULURU 15 (CD,F,G) C Nash 8-10-6 J R Kavanagh
7 300P VICTOR BRAVO 29 (B,D,F,G) N Gaselee 9-10-6 C Llewellyn
8 1610 TOUR LEADER 89 (D,F,G) R Buckler 7-10-2 G Supple (7)
9 33-4 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 186 (F,G) Miss A Broyd 8-10-2 R Supple
10 04P0 QUARRY HOUSE 35 (B) D Chappell 8-10-0 G Upton
11 2033 DOCKMASTER 16 (S) Miss M Milligan 5-10-0 L Wyer
12 PP33 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 82 (CD,F,G,S) C Barwell 10-10-0 B Fenton (3)
13 4535 ROYAL PIPER 7 (S) A J Wilson 9-10-0 L Harvey
14 600- SKEOUGH 410 (F,G) P Webber 8-10-0 R Bellamy
15 PP60 RADIO CAROLINE 12 M Tate 8-10-0 R Massey (5)

3-1 Keep It Zipped, 4-1 Allez Wijins, 5-1 Bell Staffboy, 6-1 Uluru, 7-1 Tour Leader, 8-1 Dockmaster, 12-1 others.

4.00 COMMANDERY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,845: 2m 2f) (12)

1 3P12 SOCIETY GUEST 15 (F,G,S) A Turnell 10-12-0 J Rees (7)
2 4043 TEEN JAY 20 (F,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-11-11 J L Llewellyn (5)
3 U010 ZAMIRAH 13 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-4 D Drinkwater (7)
4 U-00 HEARTS ARE WILD 41 (F,G) T Forster 9-10-12 P Henley (5)
5 -P63 MACEDONAS 20 (F,G,S) G Thorner 8-10-8 K Wheate (7)
6 F-00 EMERALD RULER 2 (C,G,S) F Webber 9-10-3 P Scott (7)
7 00-0 JOYNUET 9 (C,F) J King 10-10-2 Miss P Jones (5)
8 000 BIREQUEST 37 C Mann 5-10-0 E James (7)
9 6006 SOUTHERN RIDGE 21 R Dake 5-10-0 Mr A Holdsworth (7)
10 -540 ALTO PRINCESS 21 (F) C James 7-10-0 Miss S Smart (7)
11 -0P0 SABBAQ 36 Mrs S Lamyman 6-10-0 N Kent (7)
12 0-00 MARINERS COVE 12 C Broad 8-10-0 Miss M Coombe (7)

3-1 Society Guest, 6-1 Teen Jay, Macedonas, 7-1 Zamirah, 10-1 Hearts Are Wild, Birequest, 12-1 others.

4.30 RESTORATION NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,539: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 831F OSCAIL AN DORAS 11 (F,S) F Murphy 7-11-13 M Foster
2 3FP0 MUST BE MAGICAL 28 (F,S) P Bradley 8-11-4 A Thornton
3 -302 POPPEA 12 (F) T Forster 7-11-3 S Wynne
4 -003 SMART IN SABLE 29 (G,S) P Hedger 9-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
5 5UUB QUITE A MAN 22 (F,S) W Jenks 5-11-0 A Tory
6 50-F FLAMING SANDS 2 K Burgess 7-10-13 J Ryan
7 -611 BOXING MATCH 4 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-11 (7ex) Guy Lewis (3)
8 -502 THE MINE CAPTAIN 8 (G) S Sherwood 9-10-6 G Upton
9 P-48 ADMIRALTY WAY 30 (G,S) R Brotherton 10-10-4 L Harvey
10 5502 SAME DIFFERENCE 25 (F,G,S) A James 8-10-4 C Davies (7)
11 -P26 WILLIE MAKEIT 78 R Phillips 6-10-3 J Railton
12 -06U PHAEDAIR 12 P Hobbs 6-10-3 J R Kavanagh
13 P-1P ZAMBEZI SPIRIT 54 (BF,F) Mrs M Jones 7-10-3 D Byrne
14 PP32 OLLIVER DUCKETT 7 Mrs J Scrimgeour 7-10-0 Mr J Jukes
15 400F MASTER MURPHY 12 C Broad 7-10-0 W Marston
16 4456 ON THE TEAR 35 F Lloyd 10-10-0 Gary Lyons
17 -FFF KHAKI LIGHT 18 J Pickering 5-10-2 S Bentley
18 2430 EACOMIN 58 D Geraghty 7-10-0 R Supple

9-2 Oscail An Doras, 6-1 The Mine Captain, 5-1 Olliver Duckett, Poppea, 10-1 Same Difference, Boxing Match, 12-1 others.

5.00 WORCESTER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,094: 2m) (22)

1 143 KENTFORD TINA 19 (BF,G) J Mullins 5-11-3 S Curran
2 10 COLONEL BLAZER 28 (G) Miss H Knight 4-11-2 G F Ryan (5)
3 A-EL-CEE C Brooks 5-11-1 G Bradley
4 ALTHREY SUPREME F Lloyd 6-11-1 S Wynne
5 CALLING THE TUNE M Bumbridge 5-11-1 Ann Stokell
6 4 CHARLEY LAMBERT 30 J Mackie 5-11-1 E Husband (3)
7 DAWN LEADER G Sherwood 5-11-1 J A McCarthy
8 52 HILLS GAMBLE 19 F Bevan 6-11-1 W Worthington
9 KING COOL K Bailey 5-11-1 A Thornton
10 2 LE BARON 28 C Egerton 5-11-1 J A McCarthy
11 LUDO'S ORCHESTRA M Campion 5-11-1 J Railton
12 ST AMOUR 60P N Mitchell 5-11-1 G Upton
13 SURSUM CORDA T Forster 5-11-1 Mr C Ward Thomas
14 GAELIC MILLION Miss H Knight 5-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
15 PAPER TIGRESS D Nicholson 5-10-10 R Massey
16 SONNEN GIFT 335P T Tate 6-10-10 R Garritty
17 TEEJAY'S FUTURE D Brennan 5-10-10 W Walsh (7)
18 ACUA AMBER J Bradley 4-10-9 Guy Lewis (3)
19 GREENHILL SURPRISE A Chamberlain 4-10-9 Mr J Jukes
20 GWITHIAN N Hawke 4-10-9 A Procter
21 HERBALLISTIC J O'Shea 4-10-4 Michael Brennan (7)
22 LADYMALORD J Bosley 4-10-4 Paul Thompson (7)

4-1 Kentford Tina, 9-2 Le Baron, 5-1 Colonel Blazer, 6-1 Paper Tigress, Dawn Leader, 10-1 Gaelic Million, 12-1 Charley Lambert, 16-1 others.

5.30 WORCESTER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,080: 2m) (22)

1 41 CARRY THE CARD 19 (S) S Christian 5-11-8 D Gallagher
2 210 CHARTER 28 (F) D Chappell 5-11-6 G Upton
3 010 COME ON PENNY 116 (F) D Gandolfo 5-11-3 D Fortt (5)
4 BUGSYSIEGEL T Wall 6-11-1 R Massey (5)
5 40 BUKEHORN 15 Mrs P Sly 5-11-1 R Marley
6 CLINTON K Bailey 5-11-1 A Thornton
7 COMMUTER COUNTRY C Barwell 5-11-1 B Clifford
8 DREAM LORD P Nicholls 5-11-1 M Griffiths (7)
9 LITENING CONDUCTOR N Henderson 6-11-1 M A Fitzgerald
10 MELLOW YELLOW J Mackie 5-11-1 E Husband (3)
11 MR WILLIS M Bradstock 5-11-1 Katharine Hambidge (7)
12 2 MYWEND'S 158 C Brooks 6-11-1 G Bradley
13 OUR PETE J Bosley 5-11-1 M Bosley
14 RICHES TO RAGS D Nicholson 6-11-1 R Massey (5)
15 SLIDE ON P Evans 6-11-1 R Guest
16 SPANISH RIVER N Lampard 5-11-1 D Walsh (5)
17 WELSH SPINNER Mrs I McKie 5-11-1 L Harvey
18 LYNPHORD GIRL M Bolton 5-10-10 P Hide
19 PANTO QUEEN Graham Richards 5-10-10 C Llewellyn
20 SKYLARK SONG Mrs H Knight 5-10-10 G F Ryan (5)
21 ABIGAILS STAR P Murphy 4-10-9 R Farrant
22 SOUTH WEST EXPRESS A Carroll 4-10-9 R Davis

5-2 Charter, 3-1 Carry The Card, 6-1 Mywend's, 8-1 Come On Penny, Riches To Rags, Litening Conductor, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; O Sherwood, 17 from 56, 30.4%; P Nicholls, 12 from 44, 27.3%; C Brooks, 7 from 26, 26.9%; M Pipe, 33 from 130, 25.4%; P Hobbs, 30 from 119, 25.2%.

JOCKEYS: L Wyer, 5 winners from 11 rides, 45.5%; R Massey, 3 from 10, 30.0%; G Bradley, 10 from 43, 23.3%; J Ryan, 4 from 25, 16.0%; Mr J Llewellyn, 3 from 19, 15.8%; A Thornton, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.20 Nobby North. 4.20 Jailbreaker, Royal Square. Ripon: 2.10 Bold African. 2.40 Gymcrak Hero. 4.10 Bowcliffe. Worcester: 2.00 Brass Tacks, Mallastang, Ennistymon. 3.30 Victor Bravo.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.20 Swivel. 2.50 Sounds Strong. 3.20 Keep Me In Mind. 3.50 Best Of Friends. 4.20 Conti D'Estruval. 4.50 Chris's Glen.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 **SHEEP STEALER.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 BREND HOTELS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,280: 2m 2f) (4 runners)

1 00 NOBBY NORTH 12 (B) G Thorner 10-12 B Powell 64
2 0354 PLEASANT SURPRISE 18 M Pipe 10-12 C Maude 80
3 034 LESSONS LASS 46 Miss H Knight 10-7 Mr J Culloty (5) –
4 2024 SWIVEL 32 (B) D Nicholson 10-7 R Johnson (3) ●

4-6 Swivel, 3-1 Pleasant Surprise, 7-2 Lessons Lass, 12-1 Nobby North

2.50 WEATHERBYS INSURANCE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,496: 2m 7f 110yd) (9)

1 0PPF MASTER RYON 21 (F,G) R Alner 8-11-8 W McFarland 80
2 2-1 SOUNDS STRONG 141 (G) D Nicholson 7-11-8 R Johnson (3) ●
3 P/P ANOTHER LUCAS 28 (S) S Knight 12-11-2 Miss L Blackford –
4 6-P6 BUZZ O'THE CROWD 34 (S) Mrs C Handel 9-11-2 Mr I Dowrick 62
5 43F CAMINO 35 (BF) Miss H Knight 9-11-2 Mr J Culloty (5) 98
6 UP4 MY MAIN MAN 9 (F,G,S) Mrs S M-Bennetts 8-11-2 A P McCoy 94
7 /PP NEAT AND TIDY 34 C Popham 11-11-2 T Dascombe (3) –
8 F64P POUNDING SURF 29 J Mullins 7-11-2 R Greene 60
9 1-00 TARTAN MOSS 40 (S) P Hobbs 7-10-11 G Tormey (3) –

4-5 Sounds Strong, 5-2 Camino, 6-1 Master Ryon, My Main Man, 14-1 others.

3.20 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP HURDLE
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1 0-FP LEMON'S MILL 28 (F,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-0 D Burrows (7) 98
2 0-00 MAJOR BUGLER 18 (S) G Balding 7-11-4 A P McCoy 91
3 4P- RUSTY REEL 502 (G,S) Miss H Knight 6-11-3 Mr J Culloty (5) –
4 531P TUSCANY HIGHWAY 28 (G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-13 G Tormey (3) –
5 F041 GROUND NUT 19 (D,S) R Buckler 6-10-9 B Powell ●
6 01P0 KEEP ME IN MIND 11 (F,S) N Mitchell 7-10-5 D Skyrme 98
7 43-0 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 9 (C,G) N Hawke 7-10-0 R Greene 80
8 0000 SABAKI RIVER 36 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 12-10-0 C Maude 89

7-4 Ground Nut, 4-1 Major Bugler, 5-1 Keep Me In Mind, Tuscany Highway, 7-1 Lemon's Mill, 12-1 Rusty Reel, Sabaki River, 16-1 Beam Me Up Scotty

3.50 SAUNTON SANDS HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,267: 2m 3f 110yd) (15)

1 P AFTER THE FOX 158 N Machell 9-11-0 D Skyrme –
2 04P ASHMEAD RAMBLER 19 P Hobbs 6-11-0 G Tormey (3) –
3 01-2 BEST OF FRIENDS 32 (G) Miss H Knight 6-11-0 Mr J Culloty (5) ●
4 0/ BULLANGUERO 989 H Howe 7-11-0 S McNeill –
5 05 DANTE'S RUBICON 11 N Ayliffe 5-11-0 W McFarland –
6 -506 GENERAL SALUTE 18 G Balding 6-11-0 A P McCoy 75
7 3P2 HARDY WEATHER 19 D Gandolfo 7-11-0 D Leahy 88
8 04 KAREN'S TYPHOON 30 P Hobbs 5-11-0 G Tormey (3) 74
9 04 MASTER HOPEFULL 28 G Balding 7-11-0 R Greene 59
10 0 MR MOLE 13 D Bloomfield 7-11-0 R Darke –
11 4-04 PALLADIUM BOY 40 Mrs J Retter 6-11-0 C Maude –
12 -240 SANDS POINT 28 C Popham 6-11-0 T Dascombe (3) 72
13 0P-0 STONE BRAMBLE 19 Miss H Knight 6-11-0 R Johnson (3) –
14 006- TAP SHOES 349 R Baker 6-11-0 B Powell 77
15 P STONY MISSILE 119 S Horn 7-10-9 G Hogan (3) –

7-2 Best Of Friends, 7-1 Karen's Typhoon, 8-1 Master Hopefull, Hardy Weather, 12-1 Stone Bramble, General Salute, 14-1 Palladium Boy, 16-1 others.

4.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,828: 2m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 FPU6 WISE APPROACH 25 (C,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-12-0 S McNeill 93
2 3P55 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 34 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 11-11-2 W McFarland 89
3 .06 RAFIKI 32 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 11-10-9 C Maude 90
4 F511 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 7 (F,G) G Balding 6-10-7 (5ex) A P McCoy 92
5 31U- SYDNEY BARRY 533 (CD,F,G) R Buckler 11-10-1 B Powell 90
6 140U ROYAL SQUARE 29 (B,F,G,S) G Harwood 10-10-0 R Johnson (3) 91
7 F442 JAILBREAKER 28 (B,G,S) B Millman 9-10-0 D Salter (5) ●
8 F4-6 BRIMPTON BERTIE 139 (F) D Chappell 7-10-0 Mr J Culloty (5) 89

Evens Conti D'Estruval, 4-1 Seven Of Diamonds, 5-1 Jailbreaker, 7-1 Sydney Barry, 10-1 Wise Approach, Royal Square, 16-1 Rafiki, Brimpton Bertie

4.50 VICTORIA HOTEL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,193: 2m 2f) (9)

1 60F6 WISE STATEMENT 125 (C,G) G Balding 7-11-10 R Arnold (5) 80
2 2002 MUSTAHIL 8 (B,CD,F) R Hodges 7-11-7 T Dascombe 85
3 1003 CHRIS'S GLEN 30 (V,F,G) J Bradley 7-11-4 R Johnson 83
4 P100 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 7 (G) C Popham 6-10-12 J Harris (5) 82
5 53P0 DUKE OF DREAMS 131 (F) R Baker 6-10-11 G Tormey 80
6 6801 ALLAHRAKHA 21 (CD,G) Mrs J Retter 5-10-11 T J Murphy 80
7 F063 SHEEP STEALER 9 (G) R Peacock 8-10-10 Chris Webb ●
8 66-5 RAKNAGAR 293 Miss H Knight 5-10-5 L Aspell (3) 80
9 /P2 POLLY LEACH 19 B Millman 6-10-3 D Salter 90

3-1 Mustahil, 4-1 Sheep Stealer, 9-2 Allahrakha, 5-1 Polly Leach, 6-1 Chris's Glen, 8-1 Queens Contractor, 12-1 Raknagar, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 23 winners from 65 runners, 35.4%; M Pipe, 90 from 283, 31.8%; K Bailey, 8 from 38, 21.1%; P Hobbs, 25 from 128, 19.5%; D Nicholson, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 7 winners from 50 rides, 14.0%; D Leahy, 4 from 34, 11.8%; S McNeill, 7 from 66, 10.6%; W McFarland, 5 from 48, 10.4%; T Dascombe, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers

☐ Love The Lord (9-1) took advantage of the fall of 5-4 on favourite Ventana Canyon to win the Power Gold Cup at Fairyhouse yesterday.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

BRAES OF DERWENT (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Justforgastnx (S Bowden, 3-1). Confined: 1, Todcrag (T Scott, 4-7). Open: 1, Washakie (J Walton, 4-6 fav). Ladies: 1, Fettle Up (Miss S Brotherton, 4-6 fav). Rest: 1, In Demand (P Craggs, 4-5 fav). Open Mdn: 1, Ruecastle (A Robson, 14-1). Open Mdn: 1, Lindon Run (R Morgan, 2-1).

EAST KENT (Aldington): Rest: 1, Rolleston Blade (P Bull, 1-2 fav). Confined: 1, Burromariner (A Welsh, 2-1). Ladies: 1, Topping-The-Bill (Mrs E Coveney, 1-2 fav). Open: 1, Green's Van Goyen (T McCarthy, 13-8). Open Mdn: 1, High Burnshot (A Welsh, Evens fav). Members: 1, Prince Zeus (T McCarthy, 2-5 fav).

EGGESFORD (Bishopsleigh): Ladies: 1, Khattaf (Miss J Cumings, 5-4). Confined: 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 4-7 fav). Rest: 1, M-Reg (L Jefford, Evens fav). Open: 1, Fearsome (R White, 3-1). Mdn: 1, Master Kiwi (L Jefford, 5-2).

ESSEX FARMERS & UNION (Marks Tey): Open Mdn I: 1, Brackenheath (T Bulgin, 2-1). Open Mdn II: 1, Bruff Castle (A Coe, 2-1 jt-fav). Rest: 1, Nibble (G Cooper, 2-1). Open: 1, Mellon Park (N Bloom, 6-4). Ladies: 1, St Gregory (Miss A Plunkett, 1-3 fav). Confined: 1, Dream Packet (S R Andrews, 5-4 fav). Hunt: 1, Exclusive Edition (A Coe, 2-5 fav).

FOUR BURROW (Wadebridge): Hunt: 1, Baldhu Chance (J Young, 4-6 fav). Intermediate: 1, Cornish Ways (Miss S Young, 9-4). Open: 1, Little Coombe (J Creighton, 5-4). Rest: 1, Roses In May (Miss S Young, 11-8). Ladies: 1, Friar Too Touchy (Miss R Francis, 2-5 fav). Maiden: 1, Dovedon Princess (D Stephens, 4-6 fav).

NORTH COTSWOLD (Andoversford): Hunt: 1, Wildnite (H Wheeler, 2-1). Confined: 1, Nether Gobions (E Williams, 6-4). Ladies: 1, Di Stefano (Miss A Dare, 1-4 fav). Open: 1, Coombesbury Lane (T Stephenson, 6-1). Rest: 1, Danbury Lad (Miss A Dare, 4-6 fav). Mdn: 1, Saxon Lass (A Martin, 3-1).

NORTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, Whatafellow (A Crow, 4-6 fav). Mdn: 1, Winters Cottage (A Phillips, 2-1). Open: 1, Chip'N'Run (J Cornes, 4-5 fav). Ladies: 1, The Barren Arctic (Mrs M Bryan, 3-1). Rest: 1, Friary Lad (W Bryan, 5-2). Open Mdn I: 1, Little By Little (R Bevis, 2-1 fav). Open Mdn II: 1, Nothing Ventured (A Beedles, 6-4).

OLD BERKSHIRE (Lockinge): Hunt: 1, The Holy Golfer (C Smyth, 9-4). Mdn: 1, Tea Cee Kay (R Sweeting, 7-4 fav). Confined: 1, Transplant Blue (S Goodings, 6-4 fav). Mixed Open: 1, Wolf Winter (N Mitchell, 5-4 fav). Mdn: 1, Lochinvar Lord (D Renney, 11-4). Rest: 1, Glenard (R Smith, 5-1); 2, Balance; 3, Madiyan.

SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathfield): Hunt: 1, Glenavey (C Hall, 6-4). BFSS: 1, Kates Castle (J Van Praagh, 4-5 fav). Mixed Open: 1, Nethertara (P Hacking, 1-3 fav). Rest: 1, Galarol (D Robinson, 6-4). Intermediate: 1, Bardaros (P Hacking, 4-7 fav). Open Maiden: 1, Saun (Miss C Elliot, 7-1).

SOUTH NOTTS (Thorpe Lodge): Hunt: 1, Tweed Valley (E Andrewes, 7-2). Confined: 1, Good Team (D Crossland, 5-2). Open: 1, The Point Is (M Hewitt, 4-7 fav). Ladies: 1, Kambalda Rambler (Miss C Holliday, 4-6 fav). Rest: 1, Bare Fisted (Miss H Phizacklea, 11-8 fav). Open Mdn I: 1, Tempered Point (T Lane, 7-2); 2, Class Meo; 3, Boot-On. 9 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Mysterious Run (Miss S Samworth, 6-1).

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Lydstep): Hunt: 1, Ceder Square (J Jukes, 6-4 fav). Open Mdn I: 1, Pendil's Delight (D S Jones, 7-2). Open Mdn II: 1, The Mill Height (D S Jones, 6-4 fav). Open Mdn III: 1, Ayyarose (J Price, 10-1). Open: 1, Touch 'N' Pass (J Tudor, 12-1). Ladies: 1, Busman (Miss L Pearce, 5-1). Rest: 1, Gus McCrae (Miss P Jones, 8-1). Intermediate: 1, Kumada (V Hughes, 5-1).

STAINTONDALE (Charm Park): Hunt: 1, Here Comes Charler (A Pennock, 4-9 fav). Rest: 1, Tom The Tank (C Mulhall, 3-1 jt-fav). Mixed Open: 1, Gospel Rock (C Mulhall, 33-1). Intermediate: 1, Just Charlie (D Easterby, 6-4). Mdn: 1, Lyningo (M Sowersby, 7-1); 2, Morcat; 3, Yornoangel. 10 ran. Mdn: 1, Blackwoodscountry (C Mulhall, 7-4 fav).

TAUNTON VALE (Kingston St Mary): Hunt: 1, Faithful Star (Miss S Vickery, 1-3 fav). Confined: 1, Chita's Cone (R Treloggen, 4-6 fav). Open: 1, Still In Business (T Mitchell, 2-5 fav). Ladies: 1, Lewesdon Hill (Miss S Cobden, 4-7 fav). Rest: 1, Strong Breeze (Mrs R Pocock, 4-1). Open Mdn: 1, Seahawk Retriever (T Mitchell, 2-1 fav).

VINE & CRAVEN (Hackwood Park): Hunt: 1, Espy (A James, 4-7 fav). BFSS: 1, Mr Mayfair (R Irving, 4-1). Mixed Open: 1, Snowfire Chap (T Underwood, 3-1). Open Mdn: 1, Vital Shot (Mrs R Baldwin, 5-1). Confined: 1, Olde Crescent (Maj G Wheeler, 6-1). Rest: 1, Emily's Niece (T Woolridge, 8-1).

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Man from Minnesota could be about to capture his first major title

Lehman's broad shoulders ready for green jacket

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUSTA

BEN CRENSHAW and Tom Lehman are, respectively, the reigning Masters champion and the man who nearly won in 1994. Amid enough emotion to launch a ship on the nearby Savannah river, Crenshaw edged home by one stroke.

Having holed the winning putt, he bent so that his head was almost between his knees and cried while Carl Jackson, his caddie, put a consoling hand on his shoulder. This image has been shown on television dozens of times these past few days.

The previous year, Lehman might have slipped the famous green jacket around his beefy, working-man's shoulders. If, that is, a couple of his putts had gone in on Sunday afternoon and if José Maria Olazábal had not laid on one of the greatest displays of scrambling of all time over the last 36 holes to snatch victory.

As Olazábal, now in Spain, seeks a cure for the rheumatoid arthritis that he is suffering in his feet, Lehman is a quiet favourite to win the sixtieth Masters.

Crenshaw has a golden putter. Lehman an iron will. They are, in short, the wearer of the green jacket and a man worthy of wearing one.

Crenshaw is as much a part of the Masters as Amen Corner is of Augusta National. Of the 500 golf books that Crenshaw has in his library, perhaps 50 are to do with Bobby Jones and Augusta. Julie Crenshaw, Ben's wife, says that 80 per cent of her husband's stories centre on Jones. Mementoes of Augusta dominate their house in Austin, Texas.

Lehman, foiled in 1994, would be a popular winner

When you tell Crenshaw that you played golf at East Lake, Jones's home club in Atlanta, his eyes light up. The talk becomes animated. He questions, but, significantly, he listens, too. "You hear Ben talk about Jones and you realise Ben could tell you everything about him," Brent Buckman, Crenshaw's university room-mate, said. "It's as if Jones is his best friend. I think Ben has patterned his actions after Jones. It's almost as if he knew Jones."

However, there is no similar link between Augusta National and Lehman. Indeed, Lehman and major championships have come to be mentioned in the same breath only recently, because Lehman is a latecomer, who burst into prominence two years ago and competed in his first Ryder Cup last September. Lehman, 37 last month, is playing in only his sixteenth major championship. Fred Couples, who is seven months younger, has played in 48.

Crenshaw, who is competing in his 25th Masters, has finished eighth or higher at Augusta 11 times. Lehman's best finish in three visits was second in 1994.

Crenshaw grew up at the Country Club of Austin, Texas, playing alongside Tom Kite. Lehman was born and grew up in Minnesota and could play golf only three months each year.

Crenshaw dedicated his victory last year to Harvey Penick, his teacher, who had died a week previously. Penick was a small, shrivelled man with an abundance of homespun golfing wisdom, much of which appeared in a series of books.

"The woods are full of long drivers," was one of Penick's aphorisms. "If you have a bad grip, you don't want a good swing," was another. "As for your grip pressure, keep it light. Arnold Palmer grips the club tight, but you're not Arnold Palmer," was a third, and "golf has probably kept more people sane than psychiatrists have," a fourth. Lehman had no such guru.

While Crenshaw was a leading light on the US PGA circuit, Lehman was striving might and main to get on to it.

He had to attend the qualifying school 11 times before making it in his home country. While he was struggling, he played in Asia. "You can't afford to let a shot slip away over there," he said, "because you don't want to have to sit in Taipei for a week with nothing to do." Quite.

In the Ryder Cup last year, Lehman won two points out of a possible three, defeating Severiano Ballesteros on the 15th green. Crenshaw was beaten in foursomes, fourballs and his singles.

Crenshaw, 44, may never win another major championship. The fires have been dampened by age, his young family and the pressure on him to stop and say "Hi" to everyone, a pressure that he almost always accedes to. It does not matter. He already has two Masters titles to his name, one of 13 men to win more than once.

Lehman's career has reached no such level of success. He has won only twice as a professional in the United States, but he has finished in the top ten in each of the past six events that he has entered this year.

Crenshaw's time was 1995, Lehman's could be 1996. He would say amen to that.

CHRIS SMITH

Crenshaw, successful in 1995, was overcome by emotion after sinking the final putt

RADIO CHOICE

The romantic pathfinder

A Little Scandal is an Excellent Thing. *Radio 4, 8.05pm.*

"It is impossible not to laugh at her; it is equally impossible not to read her." So wrote G.K. Chesterton, about Ouida. She was a 19th-century Barbara Cartland, author of bodice-rippers, pathfinder for Mills and Boon. Chrys Salt's drama-documentary about Ouida (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly, but soon settles down to something that is kinder on the ears. Salt's narration, spoken by Denys Hawthorne, is as overwrought as Ouida's prose. "The peacock of her imagination struggled in its cage" is the sort of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of incomparable novels" Sadly, this PR-type paean came too late to help her financially. She died in poverty, with only a dog for company.

Seymour, the Fractal Cat. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*

I was waiting for it to happen, and it happens tonight on Radio 4. I am only surprised that it took so long for *someone* on radio to think up a story about an all-thinking, indepedently-motivated computer. Gary Parker's comedy serial goes even further than that. The computer (John Hegley) can talk, too; and so can its owner's ginger tomcat (Greg Proops). All that is missing is the mouse — and any PC buff will tell you that its presence can safely be taken for granted. I am not particularly computer-literate, but even I got the message that Seymour's master (Paul Bown) is in for some very nasty technological skulduggery in the weeks ahead.

Peter Davalle

RADIO ONE

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat and at **1.15** the Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Dave Pearce, incl at **5.30-5.45** *Newsbeat* **6.15** *the Net* **6.30** the Mix **7.00** Evening Session **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd, incl at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Bluegrass Ramble (2/4) **8.30** Leaders Tapes (3/4) **9.00** Cajun Clubhouse (4/6) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden, incl Pause for Thought **3.00-6.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** Euronews **11.30** Wildlife News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe On Five, incl at **3.05** Ruscoe Returns; **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** *Trevor Brooking's* Football Night **10.05** News Talk with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra incl at **11.15** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy *Boyd* **2.00pm** *Anna Raeburn* **4.00** *Scott* Chisholm **7.00** Sean Bolger **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News. **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News in German **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama **1.00** News in German **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Discovery **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: X-Press **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack: X Press **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Word of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margaret Howard **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard *Skinner* **12.00** *Graham Dene* **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Victoria (Missa trahe me post te); Stenhammar (Serenade in F, Op 31); Vivaldi Violin Concerto in F,Op 7 No5); Respighi (Autumn Poem); Scarlatti (Sonata in E, Kk 380); Vaughan Williams (The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Bach (Oboe Concerto in D minor, BWV 1059); Saint-Saëns (Mon *coeur s'ouvre à ta voix,* Samson et Dalila); Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44); Bruch (Symphony No 1 in E flat)

10.00 Musical Encounters with Andrew Lyle. Wagner (Overture: Die Feen) **10.12** *Artist of the Week:* Boris Berezovsky, piano. Liszt (Etude d'exécution transcendante No 5, Feux follets) **10.16** Bartok (Rhapsody No 1); Liszt (Etude d'exécution transcendante No 6, Vision); Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 55 No 1); Handel (Guilio Cesare, Act 3 excerpt); Liszt (Etude d'exécution transcendante No 7, Eroica); Rubinstein (Cello Sonata No 1 in D); Mozart (Horn Quintet in E flat, K 407)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Muffat. Suite No 3 in A minor: Illusters Primitae; Sonata per violino e basso; Sonata No 3 in A, Armonico tributo

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin, Richard Tunnicliffe, cello, Paul Nicholson, harpsichord, perform pieces by Bach

2.00 Double Your Choice. Includes Ireland (April); Telemann (Overture-Suite in D *for trumpet and strings*); Nielson (Springtime on Feunen)

4.00 Choral Evensong, from Trinity Cathedral, New Jersey, USA

5.00 The Music Machine

5.15 In Tune with Jeremy Nicholas. Gluck (Che fiero momento, Orfeo ed Euridice); Haydn (Piano Trio in E minor, H XV 12)

6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Emma Johnson and Friends introduced by Fiona Talkington. Schubert (Octet in F, D 803)

7.00 Cocktails. The second of five sequences of dance music from 1920-1945 (r)

7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka with Paul Watkins, cello. Stravinsky (Fireworks); Tchaikovsky (Ballet: Swan Lake, excerpts); Scriabin (The Poem of Ecstasy)

9.10 Betweeen Heaven and Hell, with Michael Kustow, Janet Suzman and Ben Kingsley

9.35 For Children. Bartok (For Children, excerpts); Schumann (Album for the Young) (r)

10.00 Voices. Sandra Porter, mezzo, Graeme McNaught, piano, perform pieces by Liszt, Debussy, Poulenc and MacMillan

10.45 Night Waves, with Patrick Wright

11.30 Composer of the Week: Schubert (r)

12.30-1.00am Jazz Notes with Digby Fairweather

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today *incl* **7.25, 8.25** *Sport* **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Tips from Women Gardeners **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves

10.00 News; A Retiring Fellow, by William Donaldson (2/4)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, from Slough (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Easton

12.25pm Maugham's Eye View. The last in the series of Somerset Maugham's short stories narrated by Dirk Bogarde. Kathleen thinks her sister Millicent is hiding something about her husband's death **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; London Particulars. The first of a two-part Victorian detective thriller by John Peacock. With Todd Carty as Bow Street Runner Pip Shepherd, and Elizabeth Spriggs as brothel-keeper Dolly Jenks

2.45 Treasure Islands. Anthony Horowitz talks to Michael Rosen about his books for children

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Paul Gambaccini reviews the latest film releases including *John Travolta and Christian* Slater in *Broken Arrow* and Al Pacino and John Cusack in *City Hall*

4.45 Short Story. Fred, by Mary Jones. About to sit down to a welcome cup of tea, Mavis *and Gladys are interrupted by* a surprise caller...

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Counterpoint. The general knowledge music quiz with Ned Sherrin (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Science and Wonders. Russell Stannard, Professor of Physics at the Open University, examines Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, from a Christian perspective (2/5)

8.05 A Little Scandal is an Excellent Thing. See Choice

8.35 The Easter Rising. Fintan O'Toole takes a look at the failed militant Irish nationalist rebellion which took place in Dublin in 1916

9.00 Costing the Earth. Mark Whittaker looks at what man has made of the Durham Dales, a place of bleak beauty and fragile ecology

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59 Weather**

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime. Stalin's Nose Alistair McGowan reads Rory MacLean's story (8/10)

11.00 Seymour the Fractal Cat See Choice

11.30 Paradise Lost in Space. The final part of Colin Swash's comedy, starring Tony Robinson, David Haig and Louise Lombard (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am Weather**

12.30 The Late Book. Devil in a Blue Dress, by Walter Mosley (8/10) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Millwall v Birmingham (7 45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Kilmarnock (7.45)
Hearts v Rangers

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Evesham v Solihull; R C Warwick v Redditch. Southern division: Poole v Trowbridge. Dr Marten's Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Salisbury v Baldock.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Marine v Hyde. Postponed: Boston v Guiseley. First division: Bradford Park Avenue v Congleton. President's Cup: Semi-finals: First leg: Bamber Bridge v Worksop. Second leg: Bamber Bridge v Worksop.
ICIS LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Yeading v Boreham Wood. Second division: Leatherhead v Bracknell. Carlton Trophy: Semi-final: Banstead v Tilbury
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Tottenham; Bristol Rovers v Luton; Chelsea v Ipswich (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0); Southampton v Oxford Utd (at Marchwood); Swindon v Brighton (at Witney Town, 2 0); Wimbledon v Watford (2 0). Second division: Plymouth v Cheltenham; Torquay United v Bournemouth (7 0)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7 0). First division: Blackburn Rovers v Everton; Bolton v Oldham; Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion, Notts County v Newcastle United, Sheffield United v Stoke. Second division: Aston Villa v Huddersfield; Blackpool v Barnsley; Leicester v Manchester City, Middlesbrough v Port Vale; York v Preston
LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale v Afan Lido, Holywell v Caernarfon, Inter Cardiff v Briton Ferry. Postponed: Connah's Quay v Bangor City; Cwmbran v Barry
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: *O'Brien/McKenzie Premier division Cup:* Semi-final: Hatfield v Biggleswade.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Swindon Supermarine v Kintbury.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: *First division:* Murton v Whitby; Whickham v Durham.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Trafford.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Peacehaven and Telscombe v Ringmer; Stamco v Langney Sports.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cogenhoe v Stotfold; Mirrlees Blackstone v Eynesbury.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Goole v Brigg Town.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Dartford v Canterbury; Faversham v Furness.
FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National league: Wembley v Arsenal. Southern division: Berkhamstead v Three Bridges.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Representative match: England schools under-18 v FA Youth XI (at Lowestoft, 7 0). English Schools Jersey festival (from 10 15): Bishop Auckland v Gravesham; Hackney v Reading, Barking v Plymouth; Jersey A v Chiltern; Gloucester v Maidstone, Thurrock v Newbury; West Cornwall v Orpington; South Oxford v Jersey B. Isle of Wight festival (from 10.15): Bishop Auckland v Plymouth, West Tyne v East Cornwall; Gateshead v Gravesham; Sheffield v Southampton; Bury v Vales of White Horse; Gosport v South Tyneside; Huntingdon v Rotherham, Blackburn v Peterborough

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Gloucester v Bath (7.45)

WILLIS CORRON HIBERNIA CUP: Royal Navy v RAF (at Twickenham, 3 0).

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY (7 30): World championship: British semi-finals (Poole) Premier *League: Hull v Coventry; Long Eaton v* Edinburgh.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

BURSA

(c) So the citadel of Carthage was called. The tale is that when Dido came to Africa she brought from the natives "as much land as could be encompassed by a bull's hide". The agreement was made, and Dido cut the hide into thongs so as to enclose a space sufficient for a citadel.

GUELPH

(b) In medieval Italy the rival factions of Guelphs and Ghibellines occupy most of the political history of the period with their quarrels. The Guelphs were the papal and popular party, the Ghibellines, the imperial and aristocratic party. Both names are derived (absurdly) from rival German factions of the 12th century. *Ghibelline* is an Italian attempt at *Waiblingen, a small town in Württemberg, used as a warcry by the* followers of Emperor Conrad III.

PUCELLE

(c) French for "The Maid". So, the Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arc. Chapelain and Voltaire wrote a poem called *La Pucelle. La Pucelle d'Orléans* was canonised in 1920 as the second patron of France but as such is not recognised by the State. There has been no official patron saint of France since the separation of Church and State in 1905.

CANEPHORUS

(a) A sculptured figure of a youth or maiden bearing a basket on the head. In ancient Athens the canephori bore the sacred things necessary at the feasts of the gods.

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1. Qh5+! Kg7 (1. ... Kxh5; 2. Nf7+ Kg4; 3. Nh6 is mate); 2. Qh7+ Kf8; 3. Qxg6 and Black's cause is hopeless.

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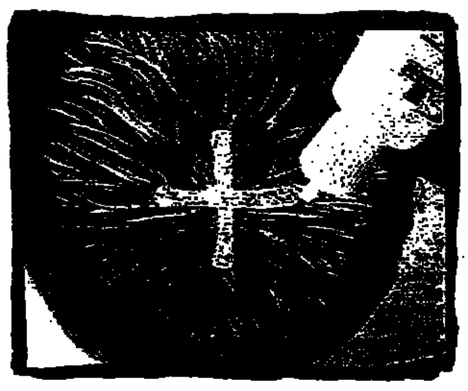

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Caught on the hop by change of sentiment

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Nice to see that Easter sentiment does not dawdle long in the television schedules. Anyone tuning in to An **Obsession with... Rabbits** last night on BBC2 may have been somewhat surprised to see the Easter bunny variously shot, skinned, hunted, gassed, and finally choked in a Perspex coffin for medical research. I was surprised myself; but then I'm simple. I had expected lots of little pink noses twitching cutely to camera; plus endless shots of that curious bouncy locomotion, perhaps observed romantically by moonlight.

Bright Eyes, la la, burning like fire. "Yes, you can stay up to watch the rabbits, darling," mummies assured their clamouring youngsters. But afterwards, the nightly bedtime reading of *Little Grey Rabbit* was curiously marred by the kiddie taking a bunny toy and a chopping board, and with a few key incisions, attempting to remove all its fur in one go.

There is more than one kind of obsession, of course. Last night, killing or harming rabbits was the life and breath of "The Farmer", "The Hunter", "The Warreners" and "The Medical Researcher" — all of whom, interestingly, were men. No effort had been made to blur the gender divide here. Only "The Fancier" (a woman) actually wanted to scratch ears and cuddle. With her on the daffy female side were "The Spinner" and "The Zoologist". I don't know which gender should resent this stereotyping more, but I was reminded of *The Misfits*, when Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe wrestle with a shotgun in the desert morning sun. Gable wants to shoot the rabbits who've eaten his lettuce; Monroe, tearful in jeans, insists that they are all petals in God's daisy chain.

Most articulate last night was the medical researcher, whom God had clearly intended for politics. He explained, with clever plausibility, that his rabbits were "heroes", whose lives served a higher purpose. Mm. *An Obsession with... Rabbits* was one of those stylish snapshot films with no commentary, enjoyable and light, in an occasional series which would normally deal with sheds or balloons or something. Taking an animal as the subject took it dangerously near real, big issues — issues that, as Anthony Thomas's *Man and Animal* (ITV) recently pointed out, are dividing people and cultures increasingly.

It was a funny old night. I can't pretend I was inspired. However, the second episode of **Cardiac Arrest** (BBC1) was a humdinger. Not having followed this drama very closely in the past, I can't tell you when it made the transition from video to film, but I'm sure *Casualty* is kicking itself. When *Casualty* attempted the great leap forward a couple of years ago, it was forced to leap back again: succumbing to public pressure, it apologetically reversed the process. Apparently audiences were bereft when they no longer saw the old familiar flat, soapish picture quality. They didn't want *Casualty* to get above itself. They liked the leaden editing. They wanted to be able to count the freckles on Charlie's arms.

But *Cardiac Arrest* has other tricks up its sleeve, besides the lighting, and besides the notorious sick humour, which initially seemed gratuitous but now seems naturalistic. Narrative surprise, for example, is something *Casualty* has long since swished a cubicle curtain across. Also youth, energy, ambition. If the key image of *Casualty* is a lumpen Charlie rolling his eyes, the key images of *Cardiac Arrest* are young, callous medics with sharp little faces and glossy skin, some of them with rollerskates. *Casualty* is all passive and reactive: if it could speak, it would say, "Oh, what *now?*" *Cardiac Arrest* just says, rather aggressively, "What?"

Last night's main medical story involved the removal of a tumour, and a false reassurance of tragic proportions. It also involved the inept insertion of so much tube into a stomach that it knotted and could not be pulled back. In the end, it had to be removed surgically. "If this is how you treat overdoses, I shan't do it again," complained the patient, tartly. "Good," said her doctor, reasonably.

From apathy to empathy: BBC2's impressive **Straight from the Heart** ended its run with another interesting clutch of true-life stories, told direct to camera. The theme was "forbidden love", and in each case romance had certainly conquered adverse conditions to a remarkable degree — sometimes making you wonder whether these people actually had brains to think with. On occupied Guernsey in 1940, Dolly fell in love with Willi, a German. In Belfast, Catholic Chris dated Harry, a soldier. In Brazil, immigration officer Mark met Ander, brought him home, and then criminally stamped his passport "Indefinite leave to remain". The message was that you can't choose who you fall in love with. Although these people *had* chosen, of course. That was their problem.

The delicacy of *Straight from the Heart* was exemplary: it gave you the story yet left the person dignity to walk away with. Perhaps the story-tellers had been given a crash course in camera technique — which would be only fair. Anyway, their stories were treated with such unquestioning sympathy that it took a real imaginative effort last night to ask whether stupidity had played even a small part in their plight. Incidentally, the film passed quietly over a worrying detail in the Mark-and-Ander story, too, when Mark spent three months in a top security prison. *Top security?* Presumably, the courts have met his sort before: the sort of mild-mannered, gay civil servant who breaks out and spreads panic in the streets, equipped with a lethal ink pad, and a little rubber stamp.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (10294)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (41565)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (7019316)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. Two hopeless cooks are persuaded to prepare something edible (s) (7179478)

9.45 Kilroy. Topical discussion series (s) (1222671)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (23949)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6925381) **12.05pm Room for Improvement.** Includes tips on energy conservation and erecting a fence (s) (8703671)

12.35 Going for Gold. Quiz show with the urbane Henry Kelly (s) (3934229)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (44652) **1.30 Regional News** (94503126) **1.40 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (44778590)

2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga with Andrew Clarke. Adventure and romance set in early 20th-century Australia (r) (s) (94861)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1744584) **3.50 The Silver Brumby** (s) (1748300) **4.15 Funnybones** (r) (s) (5598229) **4.20 Jonny Briggs** (r) (Ceefax) (6653749) **4.35 Rugrats** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9533381) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (1119132) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1242836)

5.35 Neighbours. Marlene enjoys Colin's courtly attentions; while Danni pours oil on troubled waters (Ceefax) (s) (274720)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (861)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (213)

7.00 Relatively Speaking. Gordon Burns hosts the game show for players from three generations (Ceefax) (s) (1671)

7.30 Here and Now. Reports and news features presented by Sue Lawley (Ceefax) (497)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and Carol Smillie are joined by hypnotist Paul McKenna (Ceefax) (s) (517565)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (744045)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4126)

9.30 CHOICE **Rough Justice: Who Killed Carl Bridgewater?** (Ceefax) (s) (700855)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Tony Gubba, with Trevor Brooking. Golf: a preview of the US Masters, which begins tomorrow in Augusta, Georgia; Greyhound racing: coverage from Walthamstow of the BBCTV Greyhound Trophy; Olympic countdown to Atlanta (s) (3451294)

11.30 FILM: True Confessions (1981) starring Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall, Charles Durning, Ed Flanders and Burgess Meredith. Tough drama. A priest with political ambitions and his brother, a principled policeman, are driven apart when the priest is implicated in a cover-up after the murder of a prostitute. Directed by Ulu Grosbard (s) (685403)

1.15am Weather (7896817)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Community Programmes Season — a Sense of Self. Learning for All: Children First (7770126) **6.25** An Introduction to Psychology (7855661) **6.50** Zimbabwe (8839403)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax) and signing) (4850126)

7.30 Christopher Crocodile (r) (s) (7496294) **7.35 Postman Pat** (r) (9759229) **7.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4823855) **8.15 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7978749) **8.35 The Lowdown** (Ceefax) (s) (5506313)

9.05 Mighty Max (s) (7016229) **9.25 F.O.T.** (s) (7393749) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (6097687) **10.25 Star Trek** (r) (4229584)

10.50 The Tick (s) (1197836) **11.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)** (r) (8858381)

12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (59872) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (33403) **1.00 Postman Pat** (r) (42922316)

1.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (3/5) (r) (s) (777861)

2.15 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (7479923)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7807126)

3.05 Golf — the US Masters 1995 (s) (7953861)

3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (2027300)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (126) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (710) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (1834367)

5.40 A Week to Remember (186869)

5.50 More Secret Gardens. Thorp Perrow, Bedale, North Yorkshire (173395)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (649497)

6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. (1/2) (r) (850316)

7.30 East: Takeaways on Wheels. Sahera Chohan reports from Pakistan, a prime destination for stolen four-wheel-drive vehicles from Britain (Ceefax) (s) (869)

8.00 University Challenge. Imperial College v Exeter University, chaired by Jeremy Paxman (Ceefax) (s) (1861)

8.30 Home Front. The home improvement show features the phenomenally successful Shaker style and a report from the Shaker Museum in Bath. Plus tips on painting a wooden floor (Ceefax) (s) (4768)

Frances and Rebecca (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Modern Times: Flatmates** (Ceefax) (s) (716855)

9.50 A Man's World: The Soldier. This excellent oral history series concludes by looking at the experiences of soldiers in the two world wars (Ceefax)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (355749)

11.15 Murder One: Chapter Six. Legal drama series following a single high-profile case (r) (Ceefax) (s) (439300)

12.05am Screen Firsts: The Key (1788343)

12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone (77701)

CHOICE

Modern Times: Flatmates
BBC2, 9.00pm

In Islington three Cambridge graduates want two women to balance their masculinity in a "luxury period flat". In Fulham two women are in search of a man, preferably one who looks good in a towel. And three female evangelists, having prayed to Jesus before framing the ad, are seeking another young Christian to share their house in south London. Lucy Blakstad, who made *Lido* and *Weekenders*, is a film-maker with a sharp eye for the minutiae of everyday behaviour. She shows how recruiting a suitable flatmate can often come down to the small, irritating things, such as whether, in a mixed household, the men will always leave the lavatory seat down. The only pity is that the film stops just when the final decisions are being made. But it leaves Blakstad with a wonderful chance for a follow-up.

Bodyguards
ITV, 9.00pm

"I wouldn't have it if it came with the freehold on New Scotland Yard," declares John Shrapnel's Commander MacIntyre, as he is offered the job of heading a crack new VIP protection team. Two seconds later he has started work. It is that sort of show and that sort of script. *Bodyguards* is the creation of Jeffrey Caine, whose other credits include the latest Bond film and *The Chief*. Rarely for a police series, *The Chief* broke new ground. *Bodyguards* goes over very old ground, harking back to those action adventure series that seemed to dominate the ITV schedules about 25 years ago. The first big test for Shrapnel's bodyguards, who include Louise Lombard and Sean Pertwee, is to protect rival African leaders in Britain for a conference. Be prepared for bombs, car chases and shifty foreigners.

Dispatches: Murder in St James's
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Twelve years after the death of the policewoman Yvonne Fletcher during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London, *Dispatches* challenges the official version of events and suggests a startling new one. The inquest jury found that WPC Fletcher was killed by a bullet fired from the first floor of the embassy. The episode severely poisoned Anglo-Libyan relations and helped to win British support for President Reagan's bombing of Tripoli. But Joe Layburn's report goes back over the forensic evidence and suggests that the fatal bullet came not from the embassy but from another building. Backed by expert opinion, the argument seems plausible. As to who did fire the bullet, the programme has an ingenious, if speculative, theory that seems so unlikely it could well be true.

Rough Justice: Who Killed Carl Bridgewater?
BBC1, 9.30pm

It is 18 years since the paperboy Carl Bridgewater was shot dead at Yew Tree Farm in the West Midlands, but the case will not go away. To supporters of the four men convicted of the murder, it represents a colossal miscarriage of justice. Central to the conviction was a confession by one of the men, Patrick Molloy, who died in prison in 1981. *Rough Justice* adds its voice to those who claim that the confession was drafted by the police and signed by Molloy out of fear. The programme also says that forensic evidence has come to light which should have been disclosed at the trial. In addition, there is an interview with Hubert Spencer, an early suspect in the case. The Home Secretary has declined to send the case back to the Court of Appeal. *Rough Justice* urges him to reconsider.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9608872)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7187497) **9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (6901836) **10.00 Batman — the Animated Series** (s) (6911213) **10.25 Cartoon** (r) (1726687)

10.35 FILM: I Still Dream of Jeannie (1991) Comedy with Barbara Eden repeating her television role as a genie (s) (44427229)

12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (6921565)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3857126)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3938045)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5161687) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (54794652) **2.25 Chain Letters** (Teletext) (s) (54886687) **2.50 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (4115861)

3.20 News (Teletext) (7987316) **3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (7986687)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) **3.40 The Wind in the Willows** (Part 1 of 3) An animated version, first shown last Christmas. Beautifully drawn, brilliantly voiced. Continues tomorrow (r) (Teletext) (s) (9779756) **4.10 Cartoon** (6752251) **4.20 How 2** (r) (6662497) **4.40 Spellbinder** (Teletext) (5596861)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9876818)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (723671)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (270565)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (438478)

7.00 Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers visits Egypt (Teletext) (s) (3039)

7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin finds out the identity of his new boss (Teletext) (565)

8.00 All You Need Is Love. Anthea Turner introduces a fireman who abseiled down the Eiffel Tower to propose (1359)

Lombard and Pertwee (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Bodyguards.** Action drama involving competing intelligence services, with Louise Lombard, Sean Pertwee, John Shrapnel (Teletext) (s) (7565)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (54367)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (669519)

10.40 FILM: Donato and Daughter (1993) starring Charles Bronson, Dana Delany and Xander Berkley. A father and daughter in the Los Angeles Police Department find themselves partnered in the hunt for a serial killer. Directed by Rod Holcomb (Teletext) (s) (28369519)

12.25am God's Gift (5523879)

1.25 Dear Nick (8395898)

2.25 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (2083546)

2.55 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3700169)

3.45 Music Box Profile (11978071)

4.05 Coach (s) (40535508)

4.30 The Time... the Place (r) (s) (57275)

5.00 Cover Story (s) (92850)

5.30 Morning News (27459)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (438478)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25-12.30 My Story (6939584)

12.55 Coronation Street (3938045)

1.25-1.55 Chain Letters Word game with cash prizes, presented by Vince Henderson (79281381)

1.55 Home and Away (68398836)

2.25 Vanessa Studio discussion series, chaired by Vanessa Feltz (54704039)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (5610836)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9876818)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (32720)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (3938045)

1.25 Chain Letters (79281381)

1.55 A Country Practice (44686565)

2.20 Vanessa (54705768)

2.50-3.20 Our House. Lifestyle magazine presented by Suzi Baker. Includes a couple who quit the London rat-race for a life of tranquility in a Georgian house in Shropshire and a man who lives in a railway bridge (4115861)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9876818)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (438478)

2.30am The Good Sex Guide... Late (4124169)

3.25 Jones and Jury. A woman eight-months pregnant sues her former lover and his new girlfriend for harassment and emotional stress (21655275)

3.45 Jobfinder (737072)

5.20 Asian Eye (1284614)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Chain Letters (3938045)

1.25 Home and Away (79281381)

1.55 A Country Practice (44686565)

2.20 Vanessa (54705768)

2.50-3.20 The Country Set (4115861)

5.10 Home and Away (9876818)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Freescreen (915126)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (229)

6.30-7.00 Doing It Up (381)

5.00am Freescreen (92850)

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Starts: 6.30 Fifteen to One (46872) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (30403) **9.00 Saved by the Bell: The College Years** (14836) **9.30 Gamesmaster** (8534229) **9.55 California Dreams** (6768126) **10.20 Mork and Mindy** (6913671) **10.50 The Adventures of Tintin** (1106584) **11.15 The Pink Panther** (5624381) **11.40 Dog City** (8049869) **12.00 The Legend of White Fang** (27300) **12.30pm A Box Full of Stories** (55671) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (33590) **1.30 Film: The Card** (90603671) **3.10 The Montel Williams Show** (6890381) **4.00 Jimmy's** (294) **4.30 Motormania** (478) **5.00 5 Pump: Celfagati** (7045) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (958) **6.00 Newyddion** (636107) **6.15 Heno** (170942) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (654403) **7.25 Portreadau: Geraint Lloyd Owen** (812316) **8.00 Gwyn Al Fyd: Bolivia** (3229) **8.30 Newyddion** (9836) **9.00 Encounters: The Treasure of the Humboldt Glacier** (5107) **10.00 Brookside** (76589) **10.30 E.R.** (80213) **11.30 Cybill** (26768)

6.30 Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (s) (46872)

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1.55 A Mall Bride A musical short starring Ruth Etting (44693855)

2.15 FILM: The Private Life of Henry VIII (1933, b/w) with Charles Laughton, Robert Donat and Elsa Lanchester. Biographical drama directed by Alexander Korda (Teletext) (303590)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (294) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (478) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (9107377) **5.45 Terrytoons** (177958)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (278107)

6.25 Home Improvement. Al becomes the temporary host for a cookery show (Teletext) (s) (286126)

6.55 Terrytoons (602382)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (652861)

7.55 The Slot(806584)

8.00 Brookside. As Max faces conviction, Eddie and Rose face eviction (Teletext) (s) (3229)

8.30 Lonely Planet. Ian Wright explores the former military dictatorship of Chile. (Teletext) (s) (9836)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** A re-examination of the circumstances surrounding the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy in London 12 years ago (Teletext) (5107)

10.00 ER. The emergency room is full of women waiting to give birth. (Teletext) (s) (8294)

11.00 Friends. New York comedy. Monica applies for the chef's position at a swanky restaurant, but unfortunately the owner is high on exotic substances when he tries the gourmet feast she has prepared for him (r) (Teletext) (s) (2381)

11.30 Cheers. Diane and Sam agree to a hedonistic 24-hour separation in order to rid themselves of any outside distractions before marriage (r) (Teletext) (26768)

Sports presenter Gary Imlach (12.00)

12.00 Nightsports. An all-night live sports series presented by Gary Imlach. Over six hours, Gary will be linking some of the world's best sport with his own insight, humour and knowledge. Tonight's top action is NBA basketball, in which the Phoenix Suns travel to Utah Jazz (s) (4833966). Ends at **6.00am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (87381) **9.00** Press Your Luck (8666497) **9.20** Love Connection (9885126) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (54538721) **10.40** Jeopardy! (2871126) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9452958) **12.00** Beechy (94584) **1.00pm** Hotel (76132) **2.00** Geraldo (54519) **3.00** Court TV (9478) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5807774) **4.15** Undun (9381923) **5.00** Star Trek (6958) **6.00** The Simpsons (7749) **6.30** Jeopardy! (4229) **7.00** LAPD (7687) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4823) **8.00** Space: Above and Beyond (13687) **9.00** The Outer Limits (20923) **10.00** Star Trek (23010) **11.00** Melrose Place (70045) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (7313782) **12.45am** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (4571940) **1.30** Anything But Love (68546) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4755868)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (6590010) **9.30** Destinations (33229) **10.30** ABC Nightline (61788) **1.30pm** CBS News (25313) **2.30** CBS News (25497) **3.30** Destinations (9107) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (93756) **7.30** Sportsline (21855) **8.30** Newsmaker (5364) **11.30** CBS News (71045) **12.30am** ABC World News (79508) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (91081) **2.30** Newsmaker (20188) **3.30** Destinations (25633) **4.30** CBS News (96940) **5.30** ABC News (69459)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Stage Struck (1958) (45652) **8.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1939) (65671) **10.00 The Aviator** (1985) (86565) **12.00 Rustler's Rhapsody** (1985) (55294) **2.00pm Split Infinity** (1992) (16590) **4.00 Dragonworld** (1993) (4590) **6.00 Father Hood** (1993) (98213) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (5381) **8.00 The Chase** (1994) (39671) **10.00 Dangerous Game** (1993) (94010) **12.00 Hollywood Dreams** (1992) (20817) **1.30am Wilder Napalm** (1993) (364237) **3.15 Wizards** (1977) (6246558) **4.30 Rustler's Rhapsody** (1985) (36445)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Room Service (1938) (7294) **6.00 Broken Lance** (1954) (18768) **8.00 Project X** (1987) (11213) **10.00 No Way Out** (1987) (83942) **12.00 The Milky Way** (1968) (990527) **1.45-3.15am The Lovers!** (1972) (784904)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Avalanche (1975) (49720) **7.00 Thumbelina** () (99836) **8.00 Beauty and the Beast** (1992) (87565) **9.00 Aladdin** (1993) (78774) **10.00 Meet Me in Las Vegas** (1956) (84107) **12.00 I See Ice** (1938) (53836) **2.00pm The Kid from Texas** (1950) (864671) **3.40 David and the Magic Pearl** (7962126) **4.55 Mr Horatio Knibbles** (3683519) **6.00 Missing Parents** (1993) (32768) **8.00 The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult** (1994) (37213) **10.00 Trancers 5 — Sudden Deth** (1994) (8297213) **11.15 Full Eclipse** (1993) (991316) **12.55am Hostile Hostages** (1994) (888904) **2.35 Betrayal of Trust** (1993) (135904) **4.10 Missing Parents** (1993) (175343)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am Quack Attack (49591855) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (49009958) **7.00** Ducktales (10365497) **7.30** Winnie the Pooh (10440132) **8.00** Quack Attack (93546107) **8.30** Chip 'n' Dale Rangers (93545478) **9.00** Shnookums and Meat (93632958) **9.30** Quack Attack (84130887) **10.00** Ducktales (49910010) **10.30** Chip 'n' Dale (83558942) **11.00** Winnie the Pooh (42927942) **11.30** Quack Attack (42928671) **12.00** Disney (60893520) **1.00pm** FILM: The Care Bears (49674132) **2.30** Winnie the Pooh (80591300) **3.00** Quack Attack (87975132) **3.30** Ducktales (80676045) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (80582652) **4.30** Shnookums and Meat (80588836) **5.00** Boy Meets World (87881749) **5.30** Danger Bay (80875316) **6.00** Tarzan (80672229) **6.30** Dinosaurs (80583381) **7.00** Sinbad (87894213) **7.30** Flipper (75835313) **8.30** Voyager (92850923) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (90435279)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Olympic Magazine (11316) **8.00** Olympics (47213) **8.30** Diving (63294) **10.30** Olympics (29720) **11.00** Basketball (38010) **11.30** Mountainbike (44039) **12.00** Tennis (91107) **1.30pm** Olympic Games (40045) **2.30** Cycling (95841) **4.00** Olympics (1584) **4.30** Motors (90749) **5.30** Formula 1 (1720) **6.00** Weightlifting (63652) **8.00** Boxing (64381) **9.00** Truck Racing (29774) **9.30** Olympics (60671) **10.30** Olympics (34749) **11.00** Tennis (31519) **11.30-12.30am** Equestrianism (11687)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (84213) **7.30** Wrestling (82478) **8.30** Racing (24316) **9.00** Aerobics (42768) **9.30** Footballer's Football (71403) **10.30** Asian Football (43132) **11.30** Skill Sailing (42671) **12.00** Aerobics (28132) **12.30pm** Super League: Halifax v Castleford (55836) **2.30** Speed and Beauty (2836) **3.00** Footballer's Football (26687) **4.00** Roller Hockey (32294) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (2774) **6.00** Sports Centre (3565) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (7395) **7.00** Golf (970294) **10.00** Sports Centre (29861) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (32381) **11.00** Grass Roots Rugby (33923) **11.30** PGA Tour (88590) **12.00** World Wide Rugby (48237) **1.30am** Futbol Mundial (79102) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (16625)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm World Cup Hall of Fame Paolo Rossi (2016841) **10.30** World Cup Classics: Northern Ireland v Spain 1982 (9854836) **12.00-1.00am** Golf and All Its Glory (4397508)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Fred Price **5.00** Rodney Howard-Browne **5.30** Cecil Stewart

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8893671) **7.55** As the World Turns (1546403) **8.50** Peyton Place (3698316) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (6531841) **10.10-11.00** Another World (3121720)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (7908213) **11.30** Destinations (7907942) **12.00** Alaska Video (3466382) **12.30pm** Food of China (1303768) **1.00** Getaway (3205519) **1.30** Around the World (1302039) **2.00** Sports Vacations (4326403) **2.30** Moving Postcards (5773749) **3.00** Globetrotter (4232010) **3.30** Around the World (7518132) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (10504958)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm D-Day (7997585) **5.00** Secret Service (4329590) **6.00-7.00** Biography Ponce de Leon (1484687)

Colette Blonigan, Mickey Rourke in *Diner* (TNT 9.00pm, 2.35am)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm FILM: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (57033229) **9.10** The Science of Star Trek (8798213) **10.00** (8818590) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9818237) **2.00-4.00** FILM: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (9597072)

TLC

9.00am Surprise Chefs (3098213) **9.30** Grow Your Own (1978768) **10.00** Stagestruck (4947652) **10.30** Our House (3094497) **11.00** Room for Improvement (7178565) **11.30** Craftwise (7170294) **12.00** Julia Child (3085749) **12.30pm** Frugal Gourmet (1972584) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (1025107) **1.30** Furniture to Go (1971855) **2.00** Our House (8418381) **2.30** Gardens Without Borders (6457132) **3.00** Screaming Reels (8501316) **3.30-4.00** This Old House

UK GOLD

7.00am Angels (1028294) **7.30** Neighbours (1110229) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3077720) **8.30** EastEnders (3189519) **9.00** The Bill (3090671) **9.30** The Sullivans (1970126) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (1038213) **11.00** Bullseye (7171923) **11.30** Odd One Out (9165010) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (23835687) **12.30** Neighbours (1974942) **1.00** EastEnders (4596229) **1.35** Sykes (2893774) **2.15** Home James (3566519) **2.50** Sorry! (3127478) **3.30** The Bill (6365107) **4.00** Casualty (7268403) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2409331) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (9921403) **6.25** EastEnders (9127519) **7.00** Morecambe and Wise (4887749) **8.00** Bullseye (8504403) **8.30** Sorry! (8410010) **9.00** Capital City (4972861) **10.00** The Bill (2970565) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (9029836) **11.25** Pulaski (2935590) **12.25am** FILM: Twins of Evil (46445646) **1.50** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Tiny and crew (43584) **7.00** Sesame Street (66010) **8.00** Barney and Friends (89213) **8.30** Dinobabies (88584) **9.00** Art Attack (9125331) **9.15** No Naked Flames (7477039) **9.30** Ready or Not (16855) **10.00** Heartbreak High (65774) **10.30** Hang Time (68720) **11.00** Madison (85300) **11.30** Babysitters Club (66229) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (82300) **12.30pm** Felix the Cat (10671) **1.00** Earthworm Jim (64792) **1.30** Creepy Crawlers (19945) **2.00** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (3045) **2.30** Gravedale High (6294) **3.00** Eek the Cat (9652) **3.30** Pink Panther (8039) **4.00** California Dreams (3774) **4.30-5.00** Heartbreak High (9959)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Banana Sandwich (46328) **7.00** Killer Tomatoes (32855) **7.30** Pet Shop (17590) **8.00** Wishbone (23687) **8.30** Rude Dog (22958) **9.00** Biker Mice (33010) **9.30** Clarissa (60229) **10.00** Rugrats (84720) **10.30** Monsters (39294) **11.00** Rocko (49584) **11.30** Doug (40213) **12.00** Sister Sister (26774) **12.30pm** Pete & Pete (54045) **1.00** Capital Critters (31126) **1.30** Pet Shop (53316) **2.00** Wishbone (7229) **2.30** Rude Dog (1738) **3.00** Count Duckula (3836) **3.30** Mighty Max (5923) **4.00** Cryptkeeper (7958) **4.30** Rugrats (3942) **5.00** Sister Sister (8381) **5.30** Wishbone (4294) **6.00** Ren & Stimpy (1107) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (8687)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6375584) **4.30** Human/Nature (6371768) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (8506861) **5.30** Voyager (6355720) **6.00** Lifeboat (6458861) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (9072107) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers (6372497) **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (8502045) **8.30** Disaster (8418652) **9.00** Bush Pilots of Alaska (4970403) **10.00** Classic Wheels (4973590) **11.00-12.00** Supership (1035584)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: UFO Cafe (4954942) **2.00pm** Honey West (8413107) **2.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (6451958) **3.00** Danger Man (7178836) **4.00** FILM: The Paradine Case (8509958) **6.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (6452687) **6.30** UFO (9165861) **7.30** Sapphire and Steel (6369923) **8.00** Manimal (4881565) **9.00** The Gossip Show (7186855) **9.30** Weekly World News (1052774) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Organization (7177107)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (1045) **7.30** Entertainment (4671) **8.00** Due South (77355) **9.00** Soap (29720) **9.30** Taxi (61381) **10.00** Frasier (27403) **10.30** Frontline 2 (30923) **11.00** Nightstand (14403) **12.00** The Clinic (95166) **12.30am** Benson (57140) **1.00** Wings (10808) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (79184) **2.00** Entertainment (16607) **2.30** Frontline 2 (63324) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (27430)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (5188519) **7.00** Esther (4366861) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4000126) **8.30** Gardeners' World (8808294) **9.00** Food and Drink (8837039) **9.35** Kate & Allie (8335749) **10.05** Jerry Springer (8981774) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8301039) **11.55** Brookside (4103300) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (9675584) **1.25** Crosswits (6945942) **2.00** Agony Hour (2608923) **3.00** Live at Three (6983497) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2540478) **4.30** Crosswits (3300316) **5.05** Lingo (7229789) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2553942) **6.00** Bewitched (2550855) **6.30** Brookside (6311519) **7.05** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (8453805) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6267687) **8.05** Street Legal (9688403) **9.00** FILM: The Kidnapping of Baby John Dee (3105923) **11.00** The Sex Files (6069861) **11.30-12.00** More Sex Life (2603478)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (4601923) **5.55** Family Live Pop Slot (733584) **6.00** Batman (7923) **6.30** Catchphrase (4403) **7.00** Roll with It! (7861) **7.30** The Fall Guy (83687) **8.30** Home to Roost (2316) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries. An Unwanted Woman (30297) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (80774) **11.00** Sirens (99229) **12.00** The Fall Guy (47362) **1.00am** Batman (99324) **1.30** GP (13492) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (40633) **2.30** Sirens (79492) **3.30** GP (10492) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (90607)

MTV

7.30am Jim Morrison Special (94774) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (686478) **11.00** European Top 20 Countdown (64774) **12.00** Greatest Hits (77756) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (82497) **3.00** Select MTV (62403) **4.00** Hanging Out (2126) **6.00** Dial MTV (9381) **6.30** Supermodel 1 (6861) **7.00** Greatest Hits by Year (30251) **8.00** Nirvana Live N Loud (95229) **9.00** Stones Jump Back (74294) **9.30** Amour (91519) **10.30** The Head (78107) **11.00** Unplugged with Herbert Gronemeyer (91687) **12.00** Videos (3522459)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (3297590) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (8508854) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1480861) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (1393381) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Meat Loaf (8877823) **3.00** Into the Music (1730565) **6.00** Happy Hour (1486045) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9259478) **8.00** Wednesday Review (4242497) **8.30** VH-1 to 1 Robert Palmer (4327132) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Chas and Dave (9344590) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9258749) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (3587855) **1.00am** Ten of the Best: Russell Grant (9810695) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **5am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable,** including Saturday Nite Dance Ranch
6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (46851749) **7.30** Zee Presents (37300045) **9.00** Bengali Serial Lookochori (26933300) **9.30** Hit Thi Hit Hai (25454861) **10.00** Urdu Serial (46869768) **11.00** Manasi (68870478) **11.30** Urdu Movie (18243251) **2.30pm** Buniyaad (83725855) **3.00** BBCD (27747590) **3.30** Mirza Ghalib (83720300) **4.00** Zee Presents.. (68967958) **5.00** Zee Zone (27653107) **5.30** Film Dorwane (83729671) **6.00** Campus (83726584) **6.30** Zee & U (83717836) **7.00** Flu (27666671) **7.30** Bangegi Apni Baat (83706720) **8.00** News (27756519) **8.30** Dastaan (27661126) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Jackie Shroff Season — Milan (29265687)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Boys' Night Out (1962) (10449403) **9.00 Diner** (1982) (85055039) **11.00 36 Hours** (1965) (36774768) **1.00am Double Bunk** (1961) (82905701) **2.35-6.00 Diner** (1982) (59243546)

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Fela — Teacher Don't Teach Me Nonsense **8.00** Aria **8.30** Verdi's Ernani from La Scala **11.00** Aria **12.00-1.00am** Joe Williams

BBC WORLD

News on the hour
8.05am Horizon **9.30** Holiday **10.30** Time Out: Film '96 **1.15pm** Panorama **2.15** World Business Asia and Pacific **2.30** Newshour Asia and Pacific **3.30** Time Out: The Clothes Show **4.05** The Big Trip **5.30** Time Out: Top Gear **8.05** Rough Guide to the Americas **9.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery **12.10am** Newsnight **4.05** Rough Guide to the Americas

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RFU dictates future plans to clubs

Rugby union lurches closer towards split

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) flung down the gauntlet to its senior clubs yesterday. In a display of controlled leadership likely to win considerable sympathy from the sport's rank and file, the union asserted its right as a governing body to control the game in England.

It did so by confirming that the Courage Clubs Championship next season will have a first division of ten clubs, with relegation for the bottom two this season; that the top four will play European rugby and the remainder in an Anglo-Welsh tournament; that the second division will comprise 14 clubs and the third division 16 clubs. That goes against the clubs' desire for a 12-club first division next season and no relegation at the end of this month — and means that West Hartlepool will go down and another club will join them.

At the same time, the RFU wants to strengthen the English game by introducing a competition for nationals only. Divisional teams of English-qualified players will take on Argentina, a junior South African team and Queensland next autumn. The clubs, however, insist that this programme will leave them bereft of rugby and income for nearly two months, and will lead to bankruptcy.

The RFU's proposals have left their leading clubs, those which form English Professional Clubs Limited (EPRUC), cast as a potential breakaway movement. The first division clubs meet in London tomorrow to consider their future.

The sticking point is control of the game, the RFU believes that EPRUC seeks to establish itself as an organisational body subservient to the International Rugby Football Board, but virtually equal to the union itself with responsibility for the professional side of the English game. The RFU, defending the principle of a seamless sport, will have no truck with that.

Point by point, it has rebutted a dozen draft proposals that the clubs deem vital to their continued good health, and informed Donald Kerr, the chairman of EPRUC, that the clubs' proposed management structure is unacceptable. Instead, the RFU, which has accused the clubs of protectionism, offers a new structure under the union's umbrella that will incorporate a management board equipped to deal with the day-to-day affairs of the leading clubs.

THE DECISIONS

The RFU will:

- Negotiate TV rights and sponsorship.
- Control the flow of new money to the clubs
- Deal directly with representative players and seek one unified player-contract.
- Retain relegation from the first division this season.
- Retain a ten-club first division for clubs going into Europe and a cross-border competition.
- Introduce a new divisional competition involving overseas sides.

"The money is not present in the game to justify the professional organisation which some people envisage," Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive committee, said at Twickenham. "It might happen in three to five years' time, but it's not viable now and many clubs know it. We are not talking real money at the moment. Each club must take its own business decisions and we will do all we can to help them through this difficult period."

Malcolm Philips, who successfully chaired the union's working party with the England squad to make the most of their earning power, was even more stark in his warning. "The last thing we want is another club breakaway," he said. "Neither the clubs nor the union has the money to do what we want to do to fund an open game.

"People are making promises they can't keep. Players will suffer, some clubs will go bust. We will grow into the open game but we, as a union, will control the game. We don't want to be just another professional sport, we want to retain the special ethos which still exists and, by keeping central control, we can go forward."

The RFU is wary of comparisons with football drawn by Sir John Hall, the chairman of Newcastle United's Sporting Clubs. Only last week Sir John said that international rugby would become an "add-on" to high-profile club rugby. Don Rutherford, the union's technical director, riposted by saying that the England rugby team was among the world's top four while tits football counterpart languishes in the mid-20s, a point weakened by the limited quality of international opposition in rugby union.

Brittle said: "The management structure we have offered the clubs is light years away from anything the RFU has offered them in the past. The ideal solution would be for EPRUC to say they are willing to sit down and discuss the sensible structure we have put before them."

That seems far from likely. The clubs, which have put out feelers towards the southern hemisphere and hope to negotiate their own television contracts, believe themselves to be between the devil and the deep blue sea.

"We are very disappointed," Kerr said. "I hope by Thursday we will know exactly what the RFU has said and we will give a measured response." A rift, which rugby union has avoided since that with the northern clubs a century ago, is looming.

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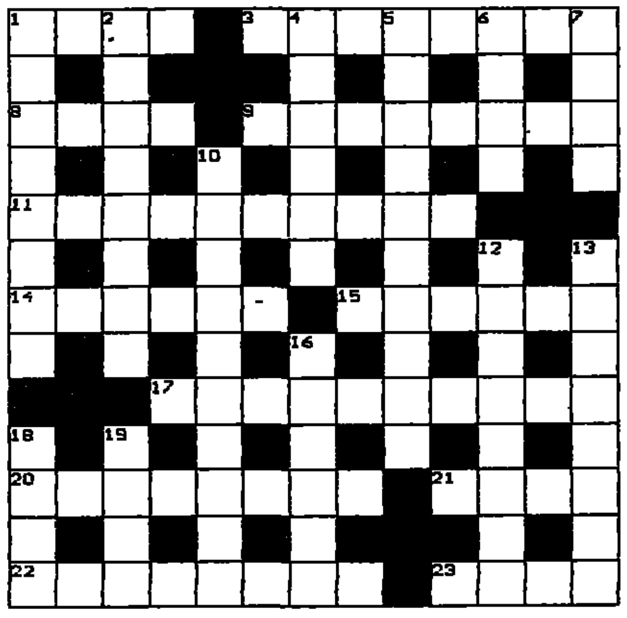

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15 Orbiter of sun (6)
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7 Involving much spilt blood (4)
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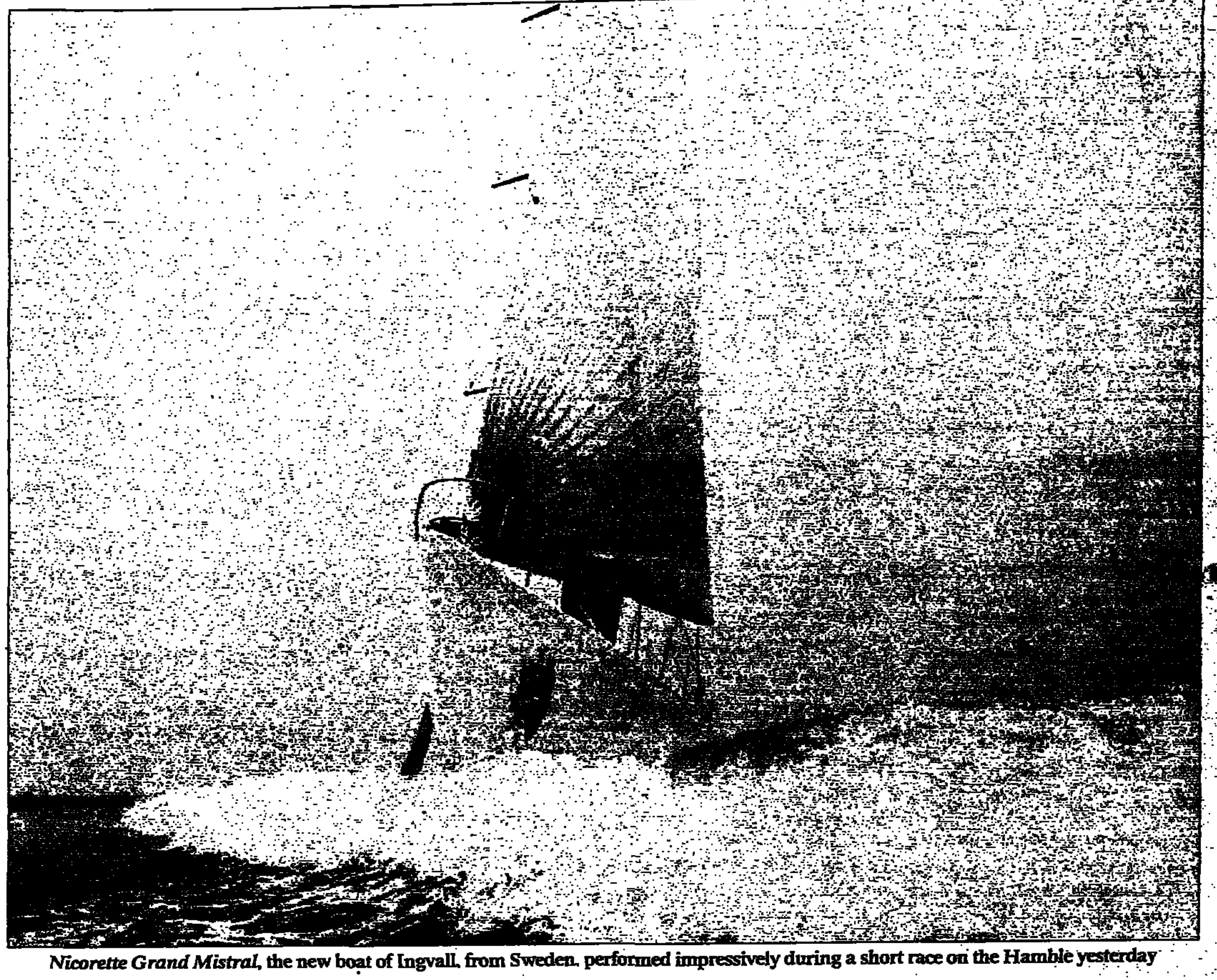


Nicorette Grand Mistral, the new boat of Ingvall, from Sweden, performed impressively during a short race on the Hamble yesterday

Grand Mistral plans blown off course

By Edward Gorman
sailing correspondent

IT WAS hard to know whether to celebrate the arrival of *Nicorette Grand Mistral*, Ludde Ingvall's new boat, on the Hamble yesterday or regret its very existence. Ingvall, the round-the-world skipper from Sweden, had brought it over from Marseilles to show off to the British press, no doubt partly in a bid to increase support for the apparently-doomed Grand Mistral Race.

The boat, designed by Bruce Farr, is an impressive looking beast. It is capable of an exciting performance — 20 knots in 28 knots of wind — and showed good speed yesterday in light conditions against Ingvall's old mini-maxi, which romped away with the Fastnet Race last year.

Yet it looks more and more as though the new boat has been built for a race that will never happen. The Grand Mistral is supposed to start this September from Marseilles. The idea was to blend the Whitbread and BT Global Challenge concepts by offering syndicates completed one-design yachts ready to race round the world in a test of pure sailing skill, rather than of the ability of designers or the size of budgets.

Pierre Fehlmann, the veteran off-shore racing yachtsman from France, who came up with the idea, hoped that sponsors would be attracted to a cheaper and more easily understood race, but he has been proved wrong.

With just five months to go to the start, only three syndicates have definitely signed up, one of which is Ingvall's Nicorette team; the other two are Grant Dalton (*Merit Cup*) and Marc Pajot (*Marseille Provence*). Ingvall is thus in the faintly ridiculous position of training a crew and tuning a boat that he is unlikely ever to race in the event for which it was built. However, this is not his problem.

Pharmacia and Upjohn, who make Nicorette anti-smoking patches, have paid the agreed charter fee for the yacht up to the time when the race was supposed to have finished, but Fehlmann has agreed to pay it back if the event does not get off the ground. Ingvall thus gets a new yacht to campaign with virtually for free.

Ingvall: promotional visit

Yesterday, he said that he still believes that the Grand Mistral will happen, but he is not sure when. He said that there must be at least eight boats at the start to make it a worthwhile contest, which, at present, is out of the question, and he suggested one solution to Fehlmann's nightmare could be to run the Mistral maxis as a separate class in the next Whitbread, in 18 months' time.

"At some stage, administrators in the UK and elsewhere have to start doing what's best for the sport; they have to serve the sport," he said in comments possibly directed at the Whitbread organisers. "Running two round-the-world events in parallel is not a good formula for the sport."

Apart from the difficulties facing Fehlmann, who may end up with eight one-design maxis with no race to run them in, the likely failure of the Mistral project may not be unequivocally good news for the Whitbread.

In its early optimistic months, the Mistral distracted a number of the top skippers and sponsors, and has directed three into what now looks like a cul-de-sac. As one guest on board Ingvall's boat put it: "The great pity is that we may end up with two half-cock races — the Grand Mistral took people's eye of the ball."

There was good news, however, for the Whitbread yesterday with the announcement of a second, apparently-confirmed, entry in the race. The Russia 300 syndicate will be skippered by Eugene Platon.

Busst will fight for career

Rob Hughes says the stricken Coventry defender is assured of top class remedial treatment

David Busst, the Coventry City defender whose right leg was so dramatically broken in front of 50,332 spectators at Old Trafford on Monday, lies in hope in more ways than one.

He is in Hope Hospital, in Manchester, where the fracture has been stabilised but will not be reset until next week at the earliest; and, of course, he is in hope that, when the surgeons have done their best, when the predicted year of rehabilitation and committed work from him and all around him at Coventry are through, he will put together his broken career.

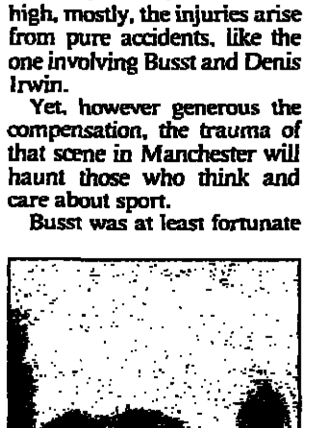
It is this marriage of medical science and sport that presents a footballer with his greatest fear. Busst came into the full-time game late. He is almost 29, married with a young daughter, and he joined Coventry City from non-League Moor Green in January 1992. "I feel sorry, sometimes, for young players coming straight into the game from school," he said then. "It's the only life they know, yet it could be snatched away by injury, and they then have to try to find some other employment. I had eight years in business, and that will stand me in good stead."

Insurance was Busst's business and he will surely not have been lax in joining the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) voluntary accident insurance scheme that allows players to pay a premium of one per cent of total cover — for £100,000 worth of cover the premium is £1,000.

The PFA paid out more than £8 million to members between 1980 and 1995, all too often having to calculate the non-contributory payments, based on service and earnings. While the tackle by John Salako, of Coventry, that broke the leg of Steve Harkness, of Liverpool, last Saturday, did bring recriminations because it was late and high, mostly, the injuries arise from pure accidents, like the one involving Busst and Denis Irwin.

Yet, however generous the compensation, the trauma of that scene in Manchester will haunt those who think and care about sport.

Busst was at least fortunate in one way. Immediately he fell, both the players around him and, particularly, the physiotherapist who was first to lay hands on him, knew exactly what they were doing.



Busst: late entrant

Dion Dublin, his own captain, had broken a leg, and lost some of the lustre from his career, while he was a Manchester United player. George Dalton, the physiotherapist, also knew the feeling. He had to retire at 27 after twice breaking a leg, first at Newcastle United and then with Brighton and Hove Albion.

Dalton, in his first years as a qualified physiotherapist with Birmingham City, saved the career of the fledgling Trevor Francis. In that case, there was a hidden injury, a snapped tendon behind the knee and, while even specialists had differed on the need for surgery or rest, it was Dalton's perseverance that ensured that Francis would not be risked until surgical exploration had been carried out.

Dalton, having spent Monday night with Busst, said yesterday that he had seen only once in his career such an obviously compounded injury. He followed the basic rule: "Do no further harm".

There were two doctors on the scene, but, as Dalton said: "Normally it comes down to the physio. The job was to get Dave onto the stretcher without twisting him."

Dalton then had to make judgments in a matter of seconds that would have taxed an orthopaedic specialist. He had to organise the lifting of Busst on to the stretcher with as much speed and compassion as possible.

Once in the hands of Raymond Ross, the orthopaedic consultant, the extent of the injury, more consistent with a motorcycle accident than a sporting injury, was such that he could only use an external fixature, hope to stabilise the break and fix it with a nail before surgery to set the bone next week.

He will then hand Busst over to John Aldridge, the Coventry consultant, who is well known to sportsmen and women across many disciplines. So, the player is in the best possible hands, but, ultimately, his career — if indeed it can be resumed — will be down to his own courage and determination.

Dalton worked with Busst throughout last season while he recovered from a double hernia. "The boy's got a big heart, you can see from the way he plays," he said. "He will fight and work at it.

However, when he does return, as prognosis says he will, he will be nudging 30. "You can't even think about that," Dalton said. "I will treat him as an 18-year-old, and that way both of us will try to restore him to the fullest possible fitness."

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Schmeichel in distress

PETER SCHMEICHEL, the Manchester United goalkeeper, was so badly affected by David Busst's injury that he received counselling after the match, according to David Fevre, the Manchester United physiotherapist (David Maddock writes).

"Peter was very upset and he received some counselling from the doctor after the match," Fevre said. "He was very close when it happened. The doctor talked to him afterwards, to try to put it in perspective. It can be a real trauma, not just for the injured player but for others too." Fevre, who visited Busst in hospital yesterday, said that he was in good spirits. "He was pleased and surprised by the flowers and cards that he had received from United supporters, as well as our own," Fevre said.

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